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THERE'S NO REAL SPORT CALLED RING. IT'S A FICTIONAL GAME. I JUST MADE IT UP. SOME PARTS ARE A LITTLE CLUMSY, BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT IN A BROAD-MINDED WAY...!
ハイオレンス
ギャグロマン

世紀末リーダー伝たけし!
ワイド判
1~3巻絶賛発売中!!

各巻JC
約2冊分の
超絶ボリューム

描き下ろし
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POWERFULLY LIKED YOU, HANAGATA-KUN.....

I'VE..... I'VE ALWAYS.....

ドキ

ドキ

SFX: DOKI DOKI (HEARTBEAT)

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.....
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.....
.....NO?

IF YOU WANT, I'D LIKE TO GO OUT WITH YOU WITH SERIOUSLY MAX TENSION..... PLEASE.

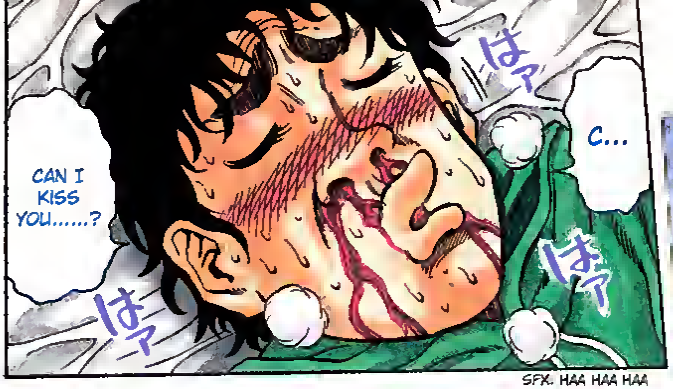
Ring 1 : SUMMER

SFX: BIKUH (SURPRISE)

IT'S MEGA-TON OKAY, ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!! ER, UH, **CAN I KISS YOU?**

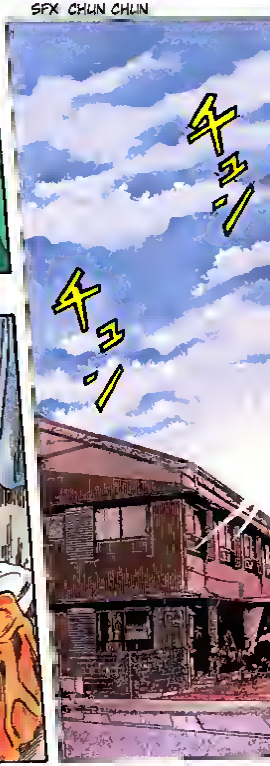
OF COOOURSE IT'S OKAY!!!

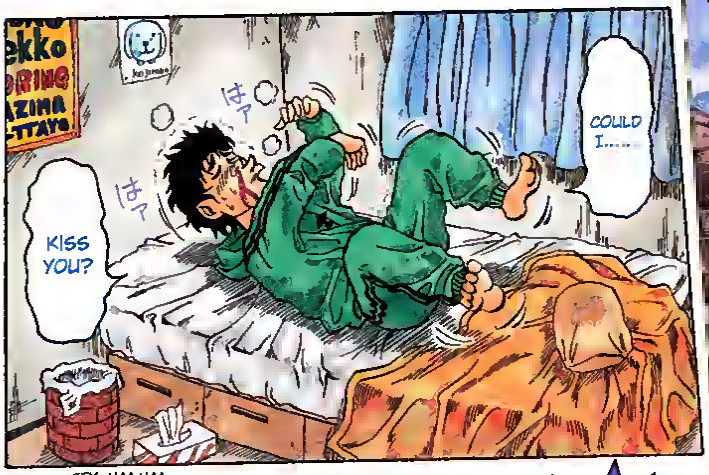
Ring 1 : SUMMER



SFX: HAA HAA HAA

SFX: CHUN CHUN



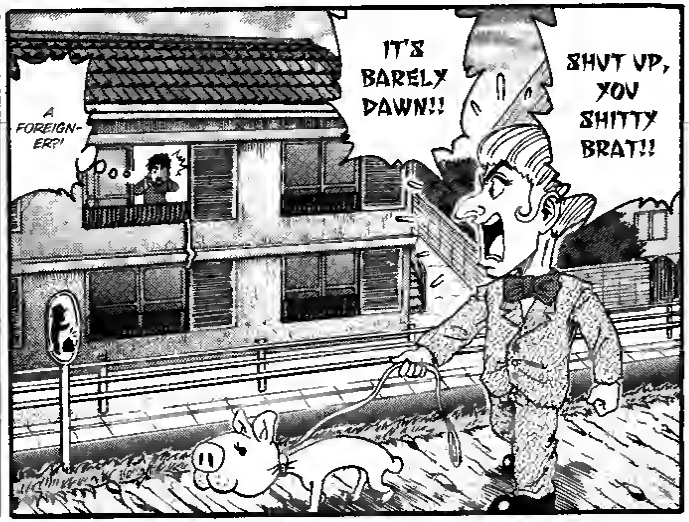


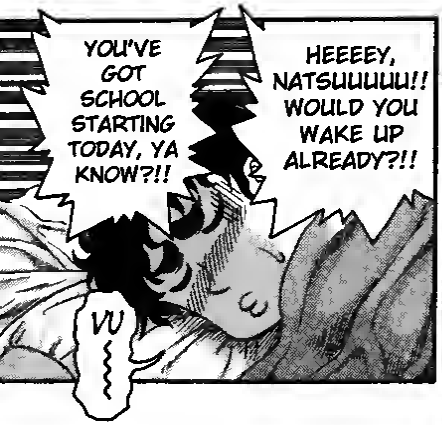
SFX: HAA HAA

SFX: GABAH

YASUO
goddamn excitteee-eeed, ya knoooow!!!!
I was reaaaaally

HAAAA...
AH, YEAH.


A FOREIGN-ER!
IT'S BARELY DAWN!!
SHUT UP, YOU SHITTY BRAT!!

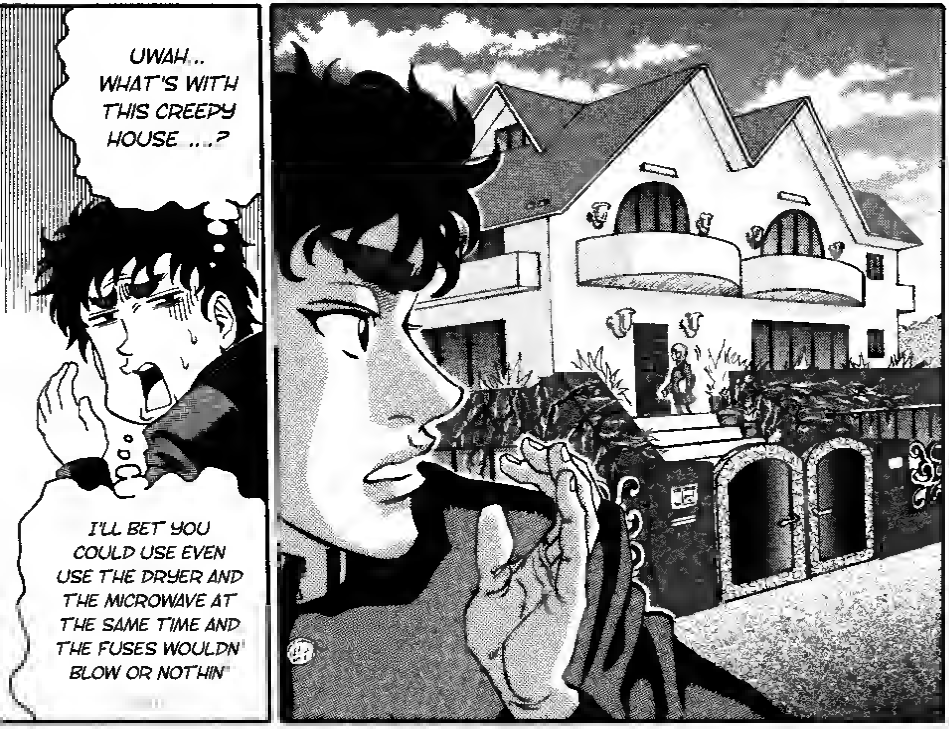

YOU'VE GOT SCHOOL STARTING TODAY, YA KNOW?!!
HEEEEY, NATSUUUUU!! WOULD YOU WAKE UP ALREADY?!!
VU

SFX: BAFUH
ばふっ
GOTTA CONTINUE THAT DREAM.
i'M GOiN' BACK TA BED.
THE EXCITEMENT RETURNS!

SFX: WAKU WAKU DOKI DOKI (EXCITEMENT)

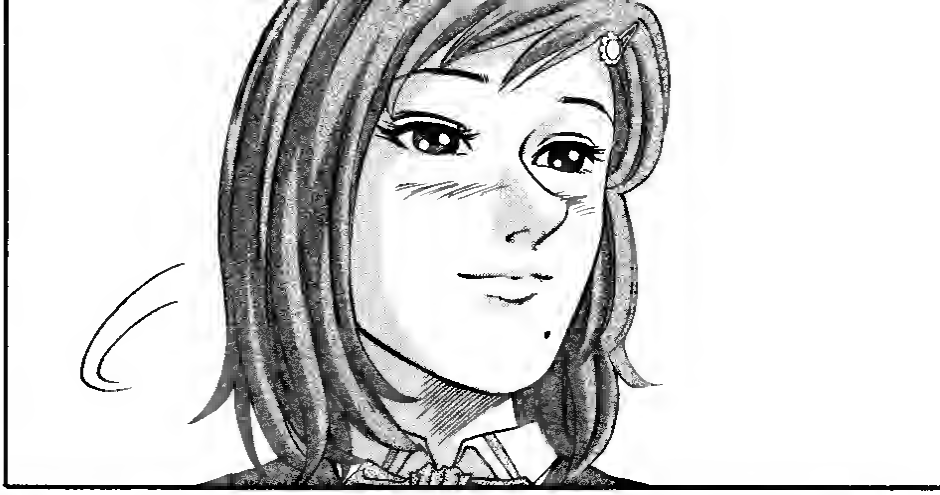
SFX: BAN!!

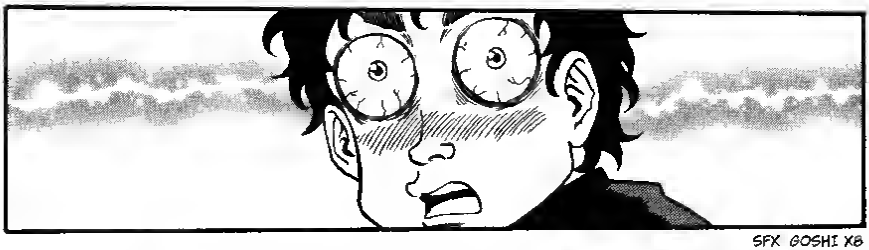
HM?
MOM, I'M GOIIING!


UWAH.. WHAT'S WITH THIS CREEPY HOUSE ...?
I'LL BET YOU COULD USE EVEN USE THE DRYER AND THE MICROWAVE AT THE SAME TIME AND THE FUSES WOULDN' BLOW OR NOTHIN'

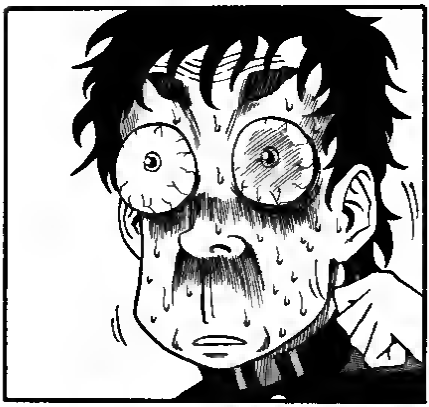
GA CHA

MU ...?





SFX: GOSHI X8
(TWO OF THE GOSHI ARE WRITTEN WITH NUMBER KANJI)



SFX: TAH TAH TAH

IT ......
IT'S A DREAM...
SFX: DOKI X16 (ONE DOKI IS THE KANJIS FOR EARTHENWARE)
IT'S THE GIRL FROM MY DREAM...! JUST NOW...
IT'S THE GIRL WHO CONFESSED TO ME IN MY DREAM THIS MORNIIIIIING!!
I've always powerfully liked you
AW MAN IS THIS FOR REAL?
MY DREAM CAME TRUE!!
UOAAAA
That excitement was the real deaaal!!
EH?
IT WAS REAL?
WAI~~~~~~T!!
I WANT TO GET TO THE END OF THAT DREA~~~M!!
CAN I COME TOO? CAN I SEE?

AH!

TE BUOAH

SFX: DOH

HEEY! WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKIN' ?!!

H..

PYUUU—

AA~~~

BRO, IGNORE HIM, YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEART, MAN...

...HOW ABOUT

WHAT WAS THAT, ASS-HOLE?!

I had my eyes glued to that girl!!

WH..... WHERE AM I LOOKIN' ...?

NOW GET OUTTA MY WAY, DELIN-QUENTS!!

WAIT, DAMMIT!

I'LL KILL YOU!

UH, NO THANKS. IT'S ALREADY DOKI-DOKI-ING REALLY FAST!

We make that heart doki-doki real fast!!

See ya!

YAMAGAWA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

T/N: THE NAME "NATSU" IS JAPANESE FOR "SUMMER". HERE, HE'S CALLED IT IN ENGLISH.

I DON'T CARE WHAT TYPE OF DOKI-DOKI THEY WERE

BUT MOST OF ALL, WHEN I GOT DOKI-DOKI, IT WAS THE SAME KIND OF DOKI-DOKI FROM MY DREAM'S DOKI-DOKI!

AND HER UNIFORM WAS FOR THIS PLACE!

SERIOUSLY, TOKI! I'M CERTAIN IT WAS THE LADY I SAW IN MY DREAM!!

THERE'S NO WAY SHE LIKES YOU. SHE DOESN'T KNOW YOU.

She's a stranger

ANYHOW, SAY THAT WAS THE GIRL YOU SAW IN YOUR DREAM?

looks to be a non-stop three years of excitement. ♡

Anyhow, my high school life

Ehe hehe

EHE HE

DO WHAT YA WANT.

YEAH!

She even said something in Kansai dialect!

No! That girl likes me a mammoth amount!

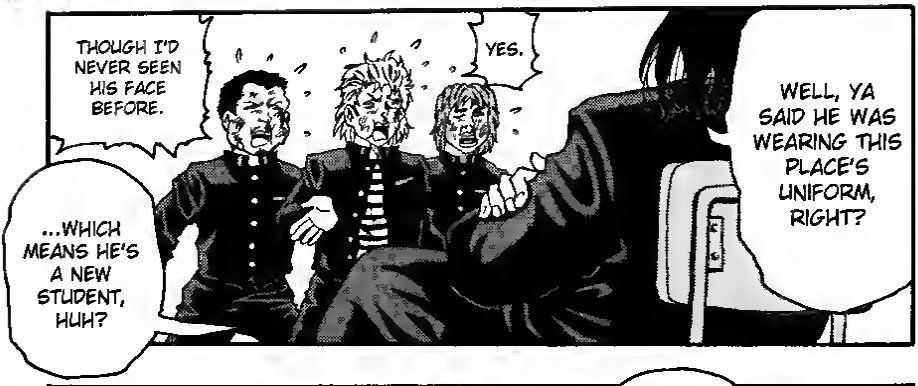
SHE LIKES YOU A MAMMOTH AMOUNT BECAUSE OF HER KANSAI DIALECT?

WHO THE HECK EVEN ARE YOU, FOREIGN GUY?!!

EVEN I WANT A GIRLFRIEND!

GET LOST!

SO.....
NOT ONLY DID YOU GUYS NOT GET HIM TO DOKI-DOKI ...
YOU ALL ENDED UP IN THIS PITIFUL STATE...?
W... We're ashamed of ourselves, George-san !

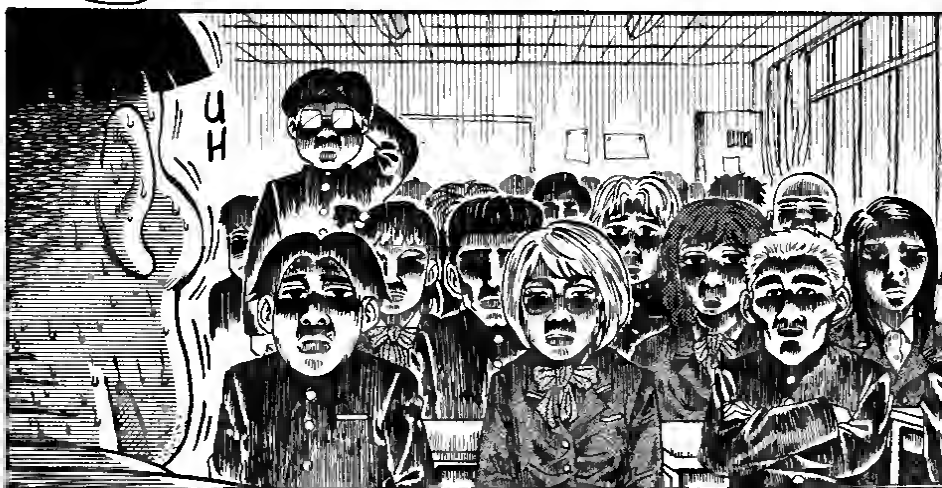

THOUGH I'D NEVER SEEN HIS FACE BEFORE.
YES.
WELL, YA SAID HE WAS WEARING THIS PLACE'S UNIFORM, RIGHT?
...WHICH MEANS HE'S A NEW STUDENT, HUH?

I'LL MAKE HIM DOKI-DOKI SO HARD HE PISSES HIMSELF...
FOR NOW, GO BRING THAT GUY HERE...
HUHU, OKAY THEN...

OKAY, WELL THEN,
HOW ABOUT WE DO INTRODUCTIONS STARTING FROM BOY #1?
1-3

PROFESSOR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, EH?
WELL THEN I DO PROFESS WE'LL NEED TO COME UP WITH A HIGH SCHOOL NICKNAME BY THE END OF THE DAY
FOR THE PROFESSOR!

M... MY NAME IS ITADA HESOKUCHI ...
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, THEY CALLED ME PROFESSOR... EHE.
N... NICE TO MEET YOU...


UH

I'M SO COMPOSED RIGHT NOW.

AW, MAN!!

Don't mind them, sensei!

That wasn't bad!

DA HYA HYA HYAH!

W... WAS IT~~?

AH...

A-H-H-A-H-H-A-H-H-A

SUPER-ADULT!!

I TREATED THAT GREAT CRIME OF THE DAD-JOKE THAT NEARLY MADE THE WHOLE SCHOOL SINK INTO THE GROUND LIKE IT WAS NOTHIN' AND FORGAVE HIM. I'M LIKE A PARENT WITH THIS COMPOSURE...

Don't mind them!

I'M A REAL ADULT!

HE'S TOTALLY THINKING ABOUT THAT GIRL...

.....

IS THAT ALONE ENOUGH TO MAKE A PERSON TO HAVE SUCH A BROAD MIND...?

A HAPPY FUTURE AWAITS...

THEEERE!

KYAA!

THEY RECOMMENDED YOU FOR A SPORTS TEAM, TRACK AND FIELD, RIGHT?

ARE YOU GONNA JOIN ANY CLUBS.

HMM?

HEY, SUMMER.

MAYBE SHE'S OUR SENPAI...

SPEAKING OF WHICH, SHE DIDN'T GO TO THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, DID SHE~~~~? THAT GIRL...

SURE.

CAN I HAVE YOUR FRIED SHRIMP?

TO BE HONEST, I'M PRETTY POOR SO I'VE GOTTA GET A PART TIME JOB...

I WASN'T REALLY THINKING ABOUT DOING SPORTS ONCE I GOT TO HIGH SCHOOL...

THAT AGAIN ...?

FORGET CLUBS...

AND MOST OF ALL, I WONDER IF I CAN GET A GIRLFRIEND...

SFX. SHURURURURU
AH, WATCH OOOUT!!
HM?

SFX. DOTTEEEEN
I... I'M SORRY!!
SUM-MER!

SFX. ZUPOH
GUOH ?!
UWAH!

TH...

SFX. GAPAH
HEEEEY! WHAT THE HELL IS THIIIS?!

I'M REALLY SORRY ...

I...

THERE SHE IS!!

TH-

THIS MOMENT HAS THE HIGHEST VIEWER SHIP RATING OF MY LIFE!!

RIGHT NOW IN MY OWN WAY

BUH

IS IT HER? IS SHE THE GIRL?!

SUM-MER!

AAA

MY EYE~ ~~~~S!

I'm deaaad!

KYAAAH!!

GUCHA

UGYA AAAA AAA AAA

SFX: DODODODODODODO

AH, SHE RAN!

YEAH, TOKI!!

I JUST TOUCHED SOMEBODY'S EYEBALLS!

KYAAAH

GROOOSS!

ドドドドドドドド

MY SWEET HONEEEEY! ♡

HOLD O~~~N!

SFX: BUN

SFX: SHURURURURURU

SFX: SUPOH

WAH!

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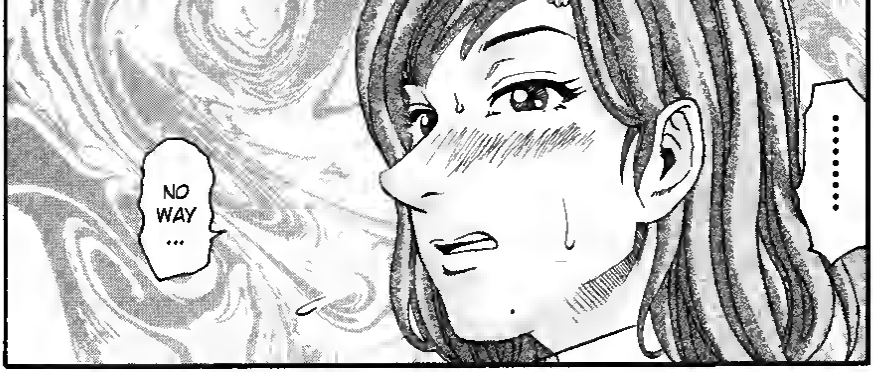
OH ...
HUH ...?
AWE-SOME!
OOOOOH! I GOT IT WHERE I WANTED!


NO WAY ...
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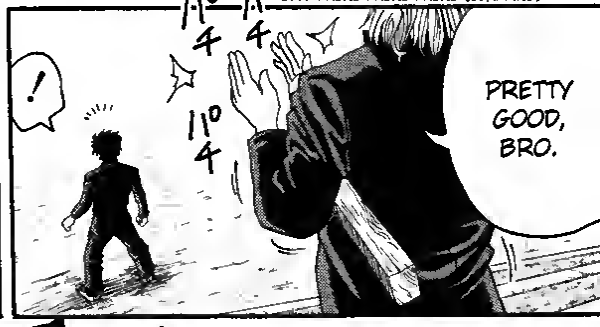

SFX PACHI PACHI PACHI (CLAPPING)
!
PRETTY GOOD, BRO.

SFX GOKYA
GOAH
URAA !!!

YOU SURE WERE FULL OF YOURSELF THIS MORNING, BRO...
GEORGE-SAN, THE 3RD YEAR, WANTS YOU... COME WITH US!
SFX: ZAH
SUM-MER!!
WAS THIS MORNING NOT ENOUGH? ...?
Y... YOU BASTARDS ...
SFX: ZAH
SEN-PAI...
WHAT GIRL...?
SFX: GAPAH
WAH!
HUH?!!
DID YOU REALLY NEED TO GET IN THE WAY OF MY LOVE WITH THAT GIRL AGAIN?
THAT GIRL?

IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TALK, COULD I ASK WHAT IT IS...?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT WITH SUMMER, BUT...

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH SUMMER THAT WOULD MAKE YOU SUDDENLY ATTACK HIM FROM BEHIND LIKE THAT?

I'M A FIRST YEAR, TOKIDA.

HUH? WHO ARE YOU...?

WE'RE ALL SQUARE NOW, RIGHT?

THAT SURPRISE ATTACK WAS PAYBACK FOR THIS MORNING!!

H... HEY, HOLD ON...

WE ONLY CAME HERE TO CALL YOU OVER...

SFX ZUTH

ずぶっ

STEP ASIDE, TOKI-CHAN.

THESE GUYS ARE MY ENEMY CHARACTERS.

.....?

HUH?

DON'T MAKE YOUR FRIENDS WORRY .....

DADDY ALWAYS USED TO TELL ME...

OR ELSE YOU'LL END UP WORRYING OTHER PEOPLE...!!

DO THINGS LIKE THIS WHEN I'M ALONE...

SFX: ORAAAA GUAAAAAAA ZUGAAAAN

CAN STOP THE THROBBING CALLED LOVE!!

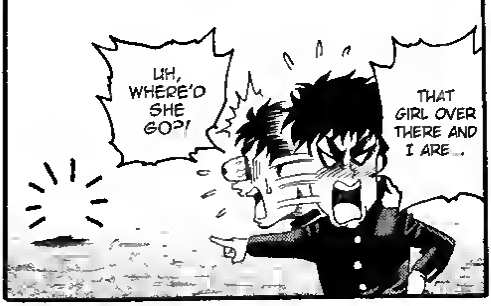
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO BRING HIM BY FORCE!!

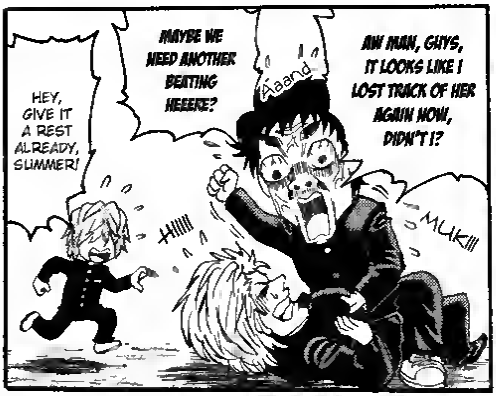
...!! SHIT...!!

AND THERE'S ONE MORE THING I WANNA SAY.

NO ONE...

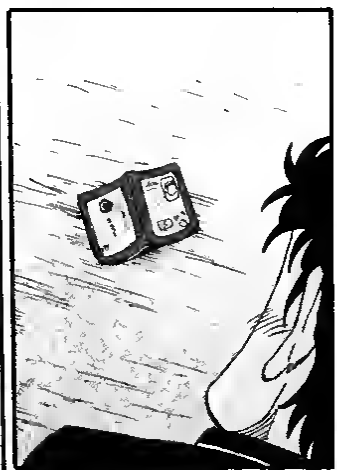
SFX: DADAH

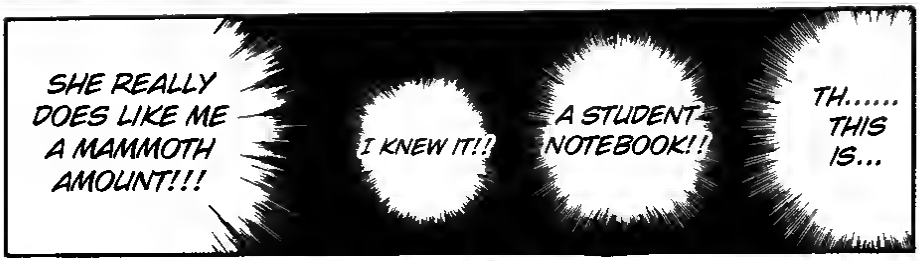




SFX: DODODODOH

T/N: THAT DOG IS KOUTAROU FROM SEIKIMATSU LEADER DEN TAKESHI




SHE REALLY DOES LIKE ME A MAMMOTH AMOUNT!!!
I KNEW IT!!
A STUDENT NOTEBOOK!!
TH..... THIS IS...

UH, WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU CAN DO IT, SUMMER!
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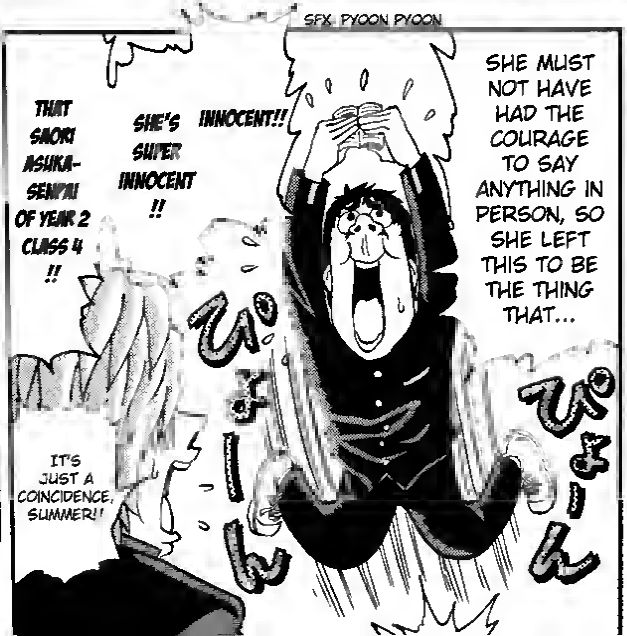
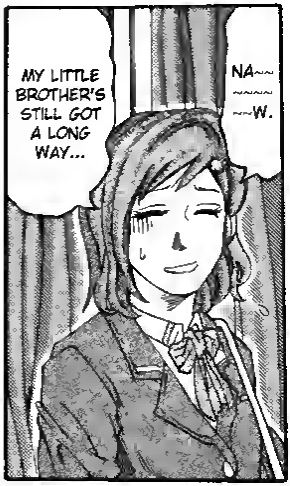

SFX: PYOON PYOON
THAT SAOKI ASUKA-SENPAI OF YEAR 2 CLASS 4 !!
SHE'S SUPER INNOCENT !!
INNOCENT!!
SHE MUST NOT HAVE HAD THE COURAGE TO SAY ANYTHING IN PERSON, SO SHE LEFT THIS TO BE THE THING THAT...
IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE, SUMMER!!
ぴょーん
ぴょーん

AH, WE'VE GOTTA INVITE NEW STUDENTS TA JOIN, RIGHT?
AA-AAH!
FOR REAL?
TODAY'S PRACTICE STARTS AT 5, YA KNOOOW!

ASUKAA AA!

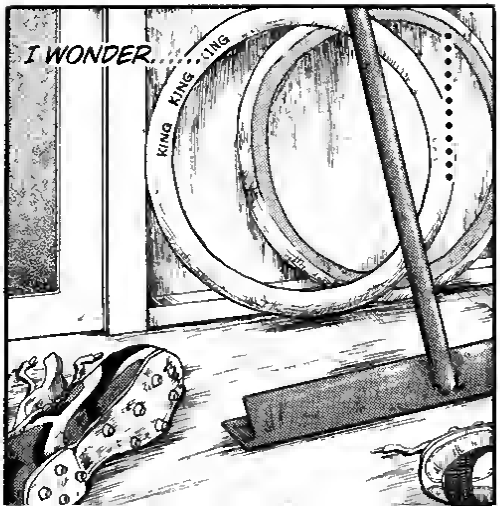

MY LITTLE BROTHER'S STILL GOT A LONG WAY...
NA~~~ ~~~~ ~~~W.

IS YOUR LITTLE BROTHER JOINING, ASUKA?!
AH...
I HOPE SOME GOOD NEW PEOPLE JOIN!
HE COULD BE A REAL FORCE QUICK!

.....

WHO THE HECK WAS THAT GUY...?
I WONDER IF HE CAN USUALLY GET GOALS FROM THAT DISTANCE~~~...

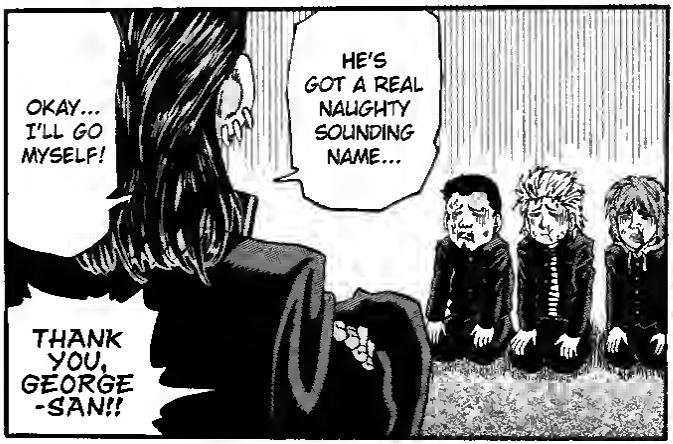
SFX GARA GARA
カララ
カララ
OKA-AAY.

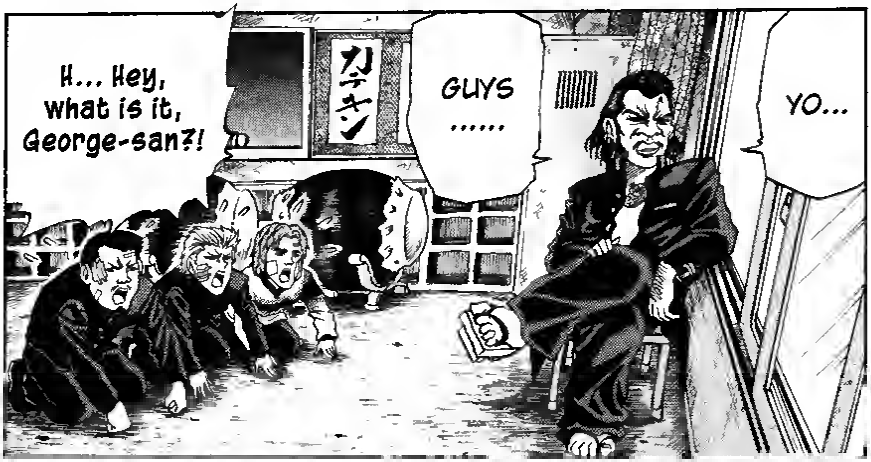

I WONDER.....
KING KING KING
.....

Ring Club

OH, MANA~ ~GER!

SUUUP!





Ring2: Hello, my Beloved Rivals!

ALL THE THINGS THAT I'D NEVER LOSE TO ANYONE AT AND I GOT 15.....

YESTERDAY, I COUNTED UP

AND IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE, BUT THAT INCLUDES NUMBER OF CAVITIES.

YOU REALLY ARE INCREDIBLE, GEORGE-SAN!!

F-FOR REAL?

AWESOME

HUUU-UUH?!

HUUUUUH ?!!

LET'S GO GIVE THAT SUMMER GUY SOMETHING TO REALLY DOKI-DOKI ABOUT!

OKAY, LET'S GET GOIN'!!

YEAA-AAH!!

LOOK, EVEN THAT FOREIGN-ER'S SUR-PRISED ...

HU HU...

THEN YOU REALLY SHOULD GO TO A DENTIST ----!

Ring2 : Hello, my Beloved Rivals!

WANNA GO BUY SOME LUN...

OOH, SUMM-EEEER.

UH.

SFX: WAI WAI

1 - 3

SFX: DOKI DOKI (EXCITEMENT, HEART POUNDING)

SHE DID NOT!! ITS A FRIGGIN' PHOTO!!

AH! SHE JUST WINKED AT ME!!

HE'S LOOKING AT THAT STUDENT NOTEBOOK PHOTO AGA~~~IN. ?

UH DID SUMMER ALWAYS HAVE A FACE LIKE THAT?

A... ASUKA-SENPAI ..... ♡

HAA

HAA

AH... UH, OK... YA REALLY SHOULD'VE DONE THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I'M GOING TO DELIVER THIS BACK TO ASUKA-SENPAI!!
I MEAN, SHE'S PROBABLY BEEN LOOKING FOR IT SINCE YESTERDAY...
WAH! WHAT IS IT?
OKAY, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!
SFX: BAH
FOR WHOM ?!!
Waiting .....?
HAS SHE BEEN LOOKING OR...
SFX: DAH
SFX: DADAH
AAAAH, YOU, AGAAAAIN ?!!
WAIT VVVP! I'M GOING, TOO!
Foreigner!
AH, SUMME-EEER!
I'M COMING, ASUKA-SENPAI!!

FINALLY, I'M GONNA GET A GIRLFRIEND OF MY VERY OWN!!

FINALLY!

SFX: NUIH

SFX: OOOOOO

IN HIS DREAMS, HE WAS SENDING EXCHANGES WITH HER BY CELL PHONE...

I'M GONNA SEND HER TEXTS LIKE 'GOODNIGHT ♥' EVERY DAY BEFORE I GO TO BED~~~~!!

did it!

ER THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A CELL PHONE

IT'S ONE OF THE SCHOOL RULES...!

'DON'T FOOL AROUND IN THE HALLS'...

HEY... WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!!

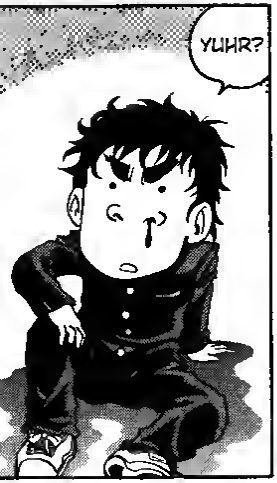
OW~~~~!

PYUUU

School Rules
1 - No not fool around in the halls.
2 - Do not undress in the halls.
3 - Do not age!

DOWAH!!

SFX: DOKAH


YUHR?

I'M THIRD YEAR KUME JOUJI!
YUHR HIM, HUH ...?
THE SUM-MER GUY?

YEAR?
THIRD

YOU FRIGGIN' LIAAAAR! LIKE HELL YOU'RE IN YOUR TEEEENS!!
AND AIN'T THAT A VIOLATION OF SCHOOL RULE #3 AIN'T IT?!
EXPEEE-ELLED!!
YOU BAS-TARD ...
YOU'RE EXPELLED!
WHATEVER, JUST MEET ME ON THE ROOF, BRAT...!

GU~~~~~~
GUPI~~~~~
GU~~~~~~
GU~~~~~~
THERE'S A FIIIIIGHT!!
PIKU
A FIGHT'S STARTING ON THE ROOOOF!!
YUH, WASN' IT, SUMMER...?
SHUBOH
THE NAUGHTY FIRST YEAR THAT BEAT THE CRUD OUTTA MY CUTE LITTLE 3-MAN GROUP...

AND I'M GONNA TELL A TEACHER THAT YOU'RE SMOKING!!
LIKE I CAAAARE!! EVERY LAST ONE 'A THEM WAS BLOCKING MY PATHWAY TO LOVE!
Y..... YOU BASTARD..... AS IT TURNS OUT..... YOU'RE SOMEBODY THAT CAN SAY THINGS THAT'LL REALLY MAKE SOMEBODY DOKI-DOKI.....
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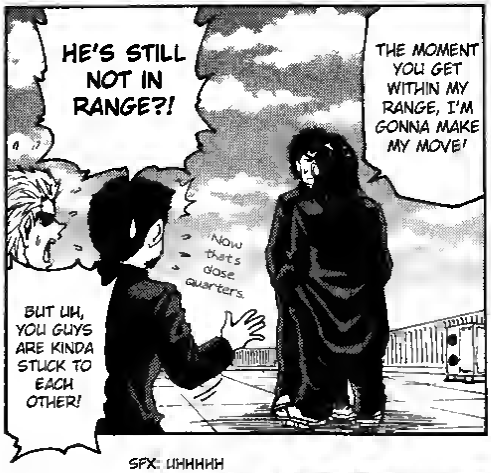
INTERESTIN'... IF YOU THINK WANNA TELL A TEACHER ABOUT THIS, THEN GO RIGHT AGAIN.....
HOW-EVER!!
He's really gotten doki-doki!
SFX: DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI (HEARTBEAT)
DOWN FROM THIS ROOF, THAT IS...
IF YOU CAN SAFELY GET
SFX: GOGOGOGOGOGOGO
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

I MEAN, EVEN IF YOU GLARE AT EACH OTHER FROM THIS FAR AWAY, YA CAN'T REALLY...

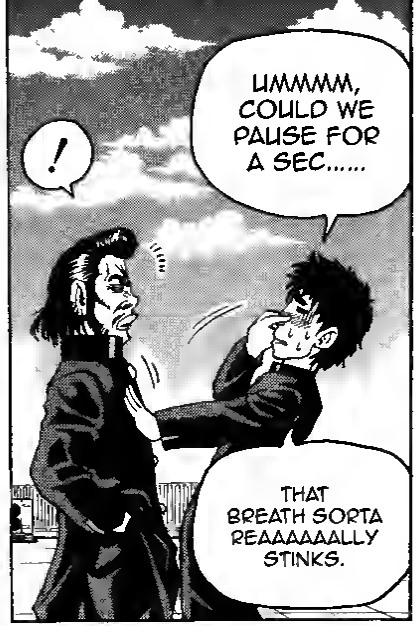
.....UH, AREN'T YOU TWO A LITTLE FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER?

MM... YEAH, I GUESS SO...



SFX: UHHHHH

SNIFF
SNIFF
.....?
HM?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UMMMMM, COULD WE PAUSE FOR A SEC.....
THAT BREATH SORTA REAAAAAALLY STINKS.

NO, IT'S NOT US...
UH...
.....IS THAT ONE OF YOU GUYS ...?
WE'RE FINE.

.....

DID HE MEAN ME?
HUH?

THAT'S A WEIRD REASON TO SMOKE .....

THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD THAT HAVE PROBLEMS THEY CAN'T FIX SO THEY JUST TAKE UP SMOKING! DON'T FORGET THAT, YOU DINGBAT!!

YA KNOW,

Got that, asshole?!

---WAIT, OF COURSE IT FRIGGING IS!! I'VE GOT 15 GODDAMN CAVITIES!! AND ON TOP OF ALL THAT I SMOKE CIGARETTES TO DISGUISE THE SMELL!!

WOULDN'T GOING TO A DENTIST BE A SMARTER IDEA, GEORGE-SAN...?

SFX: BAH

I MIGHT'VE SAID SOMETHING REALLY RASH.....!!

DID I REALLY HURT HIM...?

AW MAN...

HM?

I.. I'M SORRY, JEEKO...

I DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE THERE WAS A SEXUAL REASON LIKE THAT.....

S... SO PLEASE, JEEKO.....

I WON'T TELL... ANY TEACHERS ABOUT YOUR SMOKING...

DAD ALWAYS USED TO SAY.....

'EVEN IF YOU BEAT SOMEONE'S ASS, DON'T PINCH THEIR HEART'.....

I JUST TOTALLY ATTACKED HIS HEART, DIDN'T I...?!

YOU'RE HOLDING YOUR GODDAMN NOOOOSE!!

Please don't hate

GYUUU

PLEASE FORGIVE MEEEE!!

Eeeee

SFX: MUKU...

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MY FAMILY'S SMELLED BAD GOING BACK GENERATIONS!!

UH, BUT IT REALLY DOES SMELL BAD!

AND MY NAME'S NOT JEEKO IT'S GEORGE!!

GUH

SFX: OOOOOO

HUH? MORGAN?

GEORGE!!

.....

SFX: BYUH
SFX: GYUA
TEAM SEKKO
SFX: BASHI

OH.
Nice catch!
HM~~~?
WHA WAS THAT?

AH... SORRY, SORRY.
BUT UH...
I WAS JUST THINKING YOU GUYS ARE KINDA NOISY~~~
HAHA ...

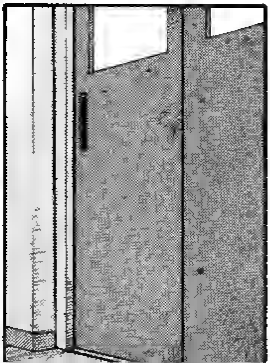
WHO THE HELL'RE YOU...?

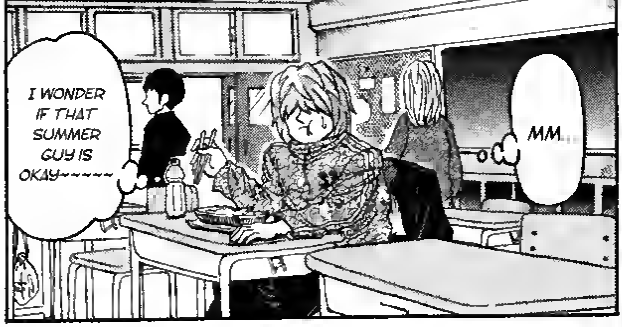
AAH?

GET DOWN HERE A SEC, ASSHOLE...!

IF YER GONNA FIGHT, DO IT SOMEPLACE ELSE.

I'M NOT GONNA GET A GOOD NAP IF YA DO IT HERE.




I WONDER IF THAT SUMMER GUY IS OKAY~~~~~
MM...

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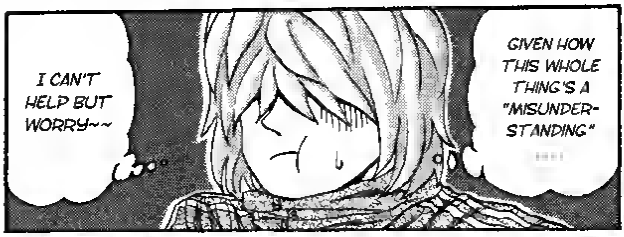
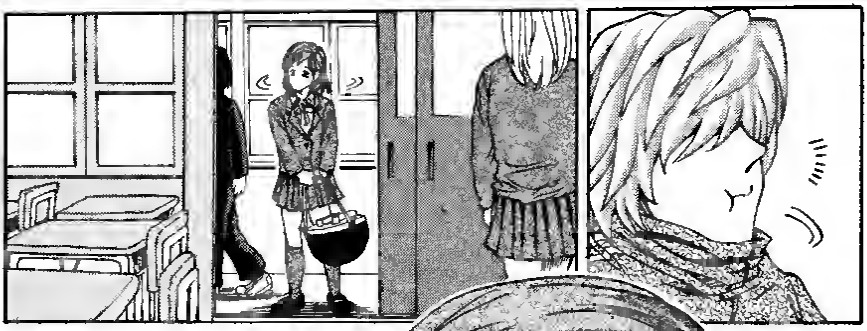
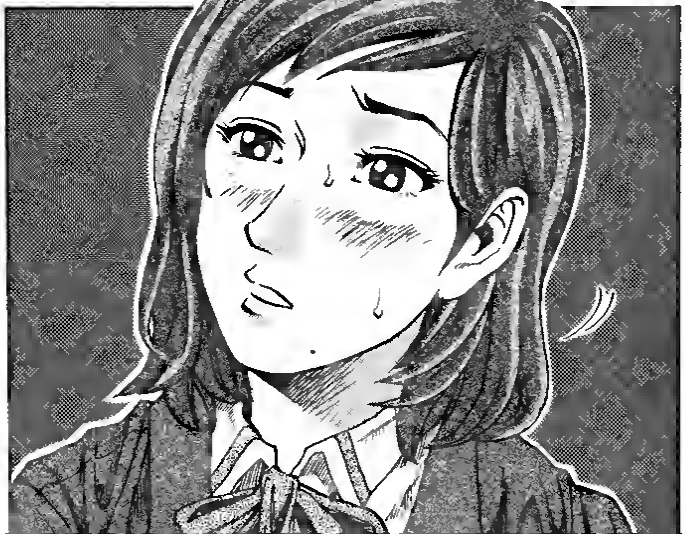

I CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY~~
GIVEN HOW THIS WHOLE THING'S A "MISUNDER-STANDING"



HUH?
AH,
THAT GIRL----



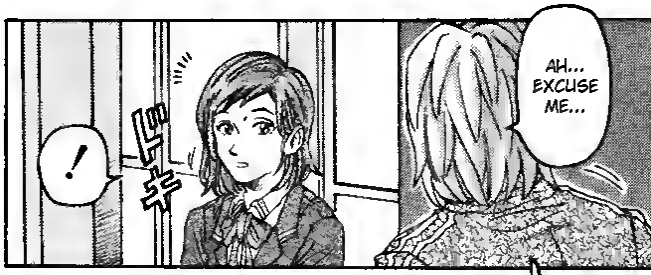
HE'S NOT HERE, EH~~~

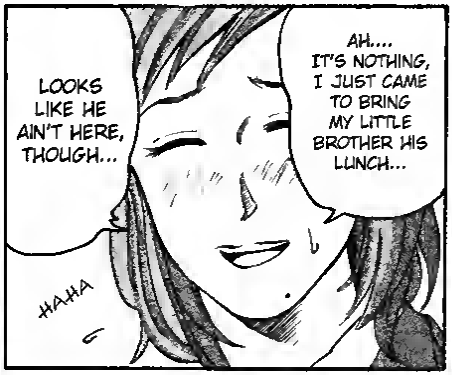
HM~~ ~~~~...

HE~~H, SO SHE HAS A LITTLE BROTHER IN THIS CLASS...

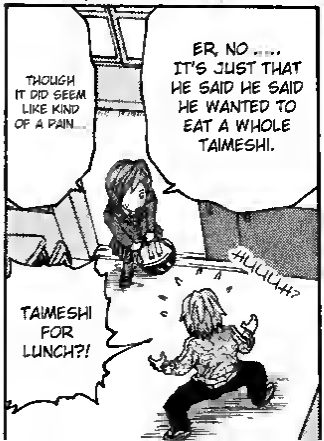
LITTLE BROTHER...?

HM...?





T/N: TAIMESHI IS MIXED RICE WITH SEA BREAM, ALSO CALLED 'TAI'.



SFX: DEDEEEN

HM.....

AH~~~~, NAW, NAW, NAW, NAW, NAW, NAW, NAW, NAW. YOU WOULD WAIT FOR TAIMESHI. NORMALLY...

20 MINUTES?

WELL, TO BE HONEST, IT TOOK LIKE 20 MINUTES TA BRING THIS WHOLE THING HERE...

SO MAYBE LITTLE BROTHER GOT TIRED OF WAITING AND WENT TO BUY HIS OWN LUNCH...

THERE'S A SIMPLETON LIKE THAT IN OUR CLASS...?

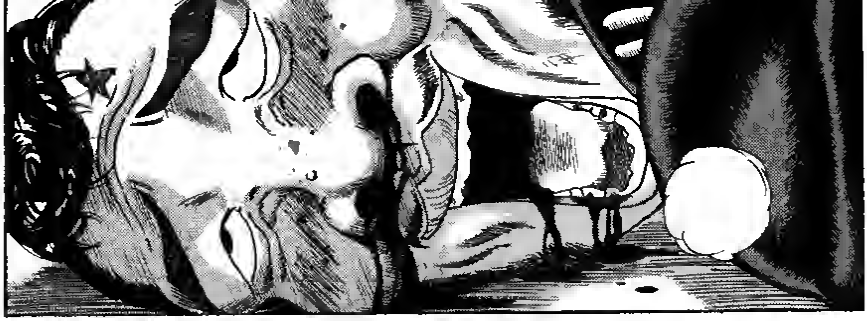
AW MAN, WHERE'S YOUSUKE GO.....?

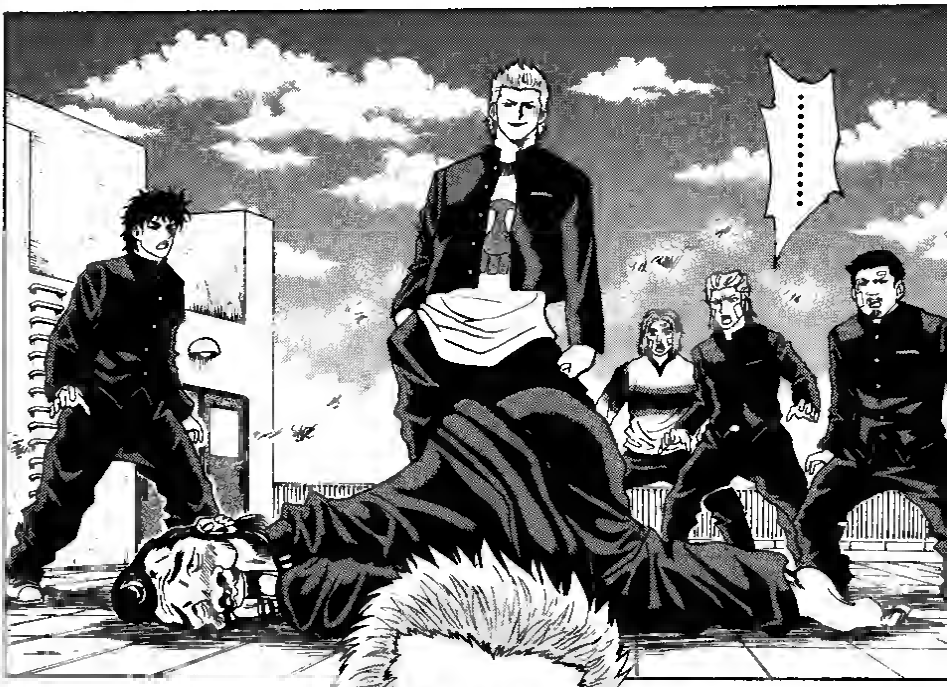
WHERE THE HELL DID SUMMER GO?!

HUH? .....WAIT..... ..... IT'S BEEN ONLY 15 MINUTES SINCE SUMMER WENT TO BRING THIS GIRL HER NOTEBOOK...

JEEKO!!

SFX: GOH

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Nice ta Meetcha!
...ER, MAYBE YA CAN'T HEAR ME ANYMORE...
I'M FIRST YEAR, SAORI YOUSUKE.

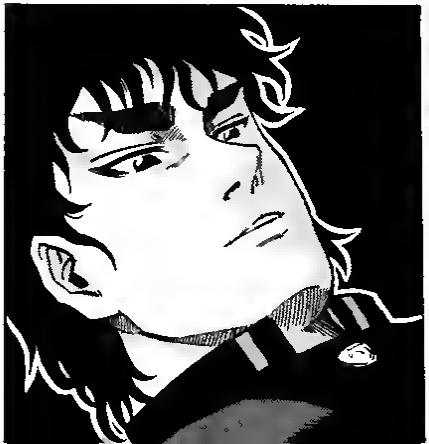
HEY, YOU.
!

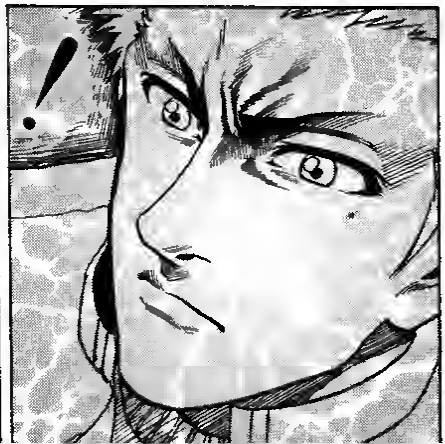
THAT GORILLA IS THE ONE THAT JUST SUDDENLY CAME TO ATTACK ME...
I DUNNO
YOU BASTARD, WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING, DAMMIT?!!
GEORGE-SAN!!
AND HEY, THAT OLD MAN SORTA STINKS...
!

YOU'RE SERIOUSLY SHAKEN BY THIS!
IT HURTS THEIR FEELINGS ...!!
OR THEY'RE GOING BALD OR THEY'RE FAT OR WHATEVER ...
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE PEOPLE ARE OLD, OR THEIR MOUTH STINKS,
I DUNNO WHO THE HELL YOU ARE, BUT...

SFX: SA...
YER PRETTY NOISY YOURSELF.

SFX: ZAH
WHAT?
AH?
WHO THE HECK'RE YOU?





WENT TA DODGE IT.....
.....THIS GUY.....

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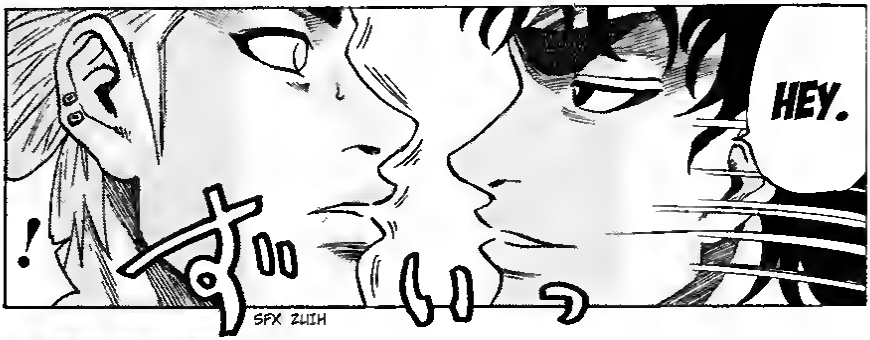
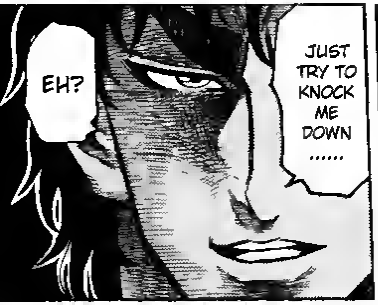

HEY.
!
SFX ZUIH

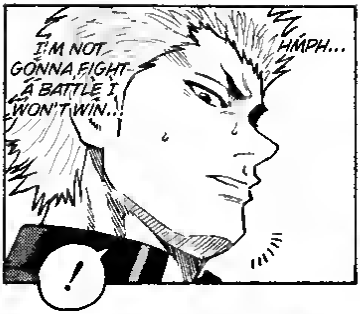

EH?
JUST TRY TO KNOCK ME DOWN .....

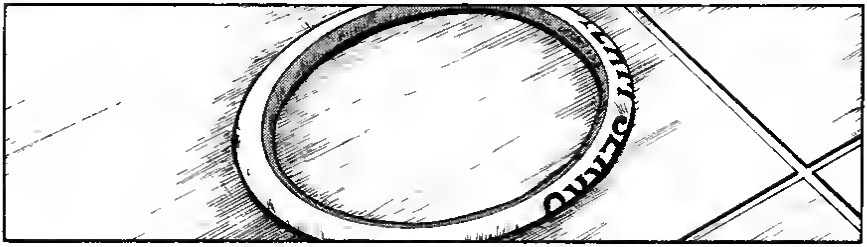
HE'S GETTIN' COCKY...
HU..... THIS BRAT...

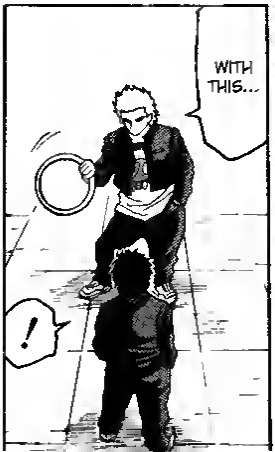
WHAT'S WRONG? GO AHEAD AND HIT ME...
IF YOU WANT YOUR OWN WAY, THEN SHOW YOUR STUFF!
MEN TALK WITH RESULTS ...!!

I'D TRY, BUT I'D ALWAYS LOSE..... IT REALLY WASN' FUN...

BUT..... I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING HERE..... IT'S THE FEELING I GOT WHEN I USED TA ARM WRESTLE OR GRAPPLE WITH BY BIG BRO.....







RING ...?
IN RING ...
YOU'VE HEARD OF IT, RIGHT?

HUH? UH... I DON'T THINK I SHOULD
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE, LET'S EAT
AH, HOW ABOUT WE JUST EAT THE TAIMESHI TOGETHER?
I DON' REALLY MIND...
YEA~ ~~H..
MAN, YOUR LITTLE BROTHER SURE IS SLOW...
MEAN-WHILE ~~~~~
THEY'RE KINDA GETTING FRIENDLY.
1 - 3

Shimabus

Thought up all on my own....

Ring materials and sizes!

- The material is hard rubber or a synthetic material. Hard enough that even if an adult (Around 60 kg) sat on it while it was on its side, it wouldn't break.

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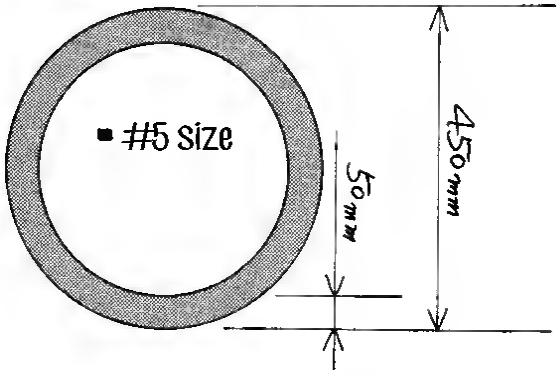

- At high school level and higher, its this size. The weight is 550g~600g. About the same as a basketball.

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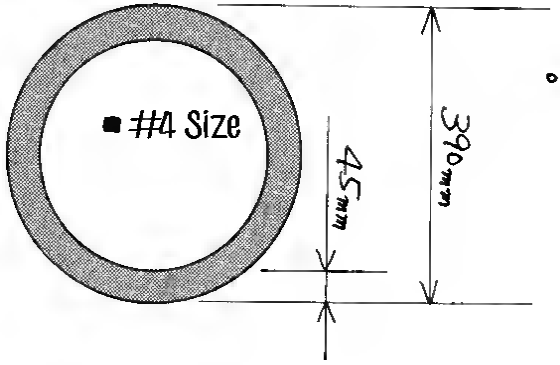


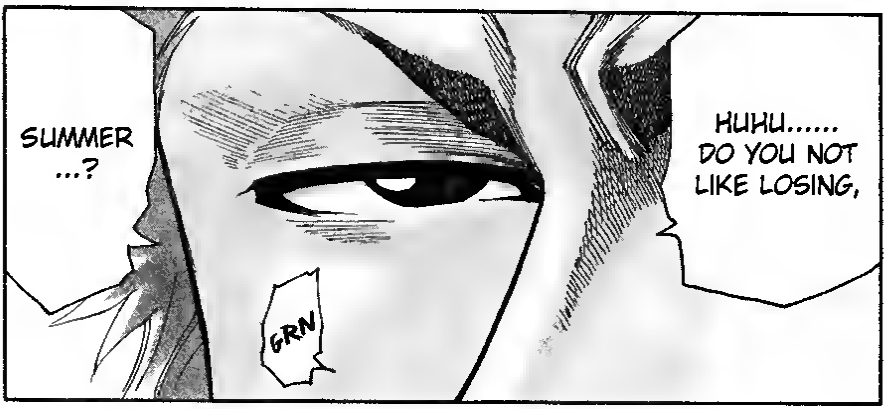
- In middle school level and lower, its this size. It weighs from 450g~500g.

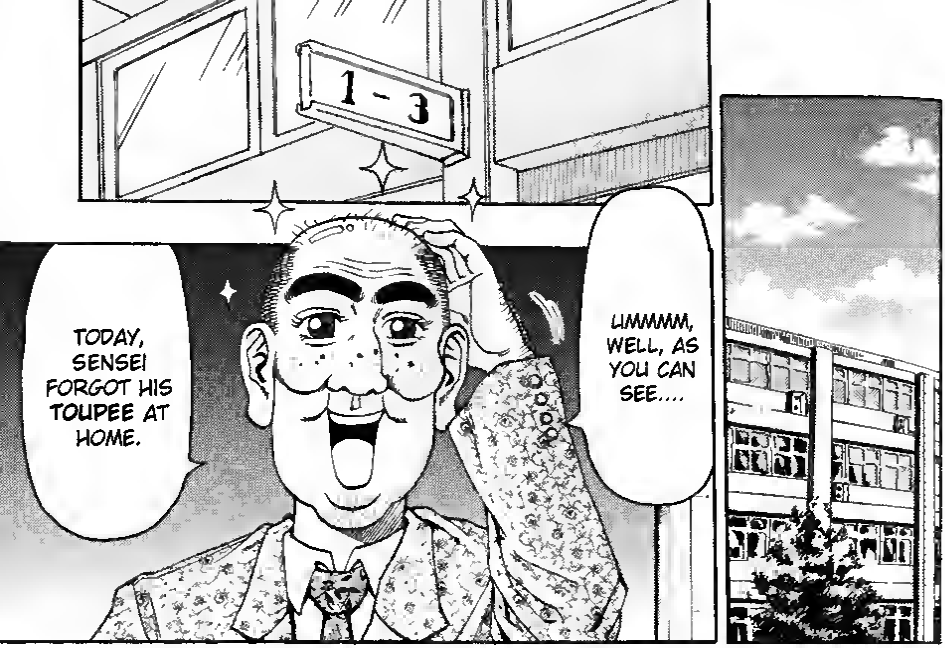
Ring3 : Ring

IN RING...

RING?

A CONTEST BETWEEN ME 'N YOU IN RING!

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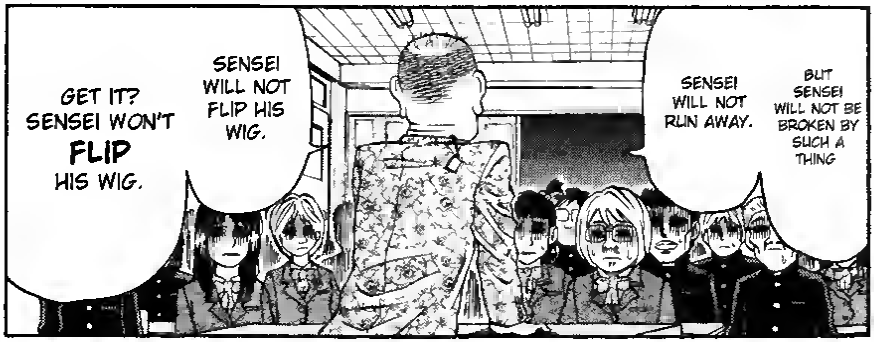
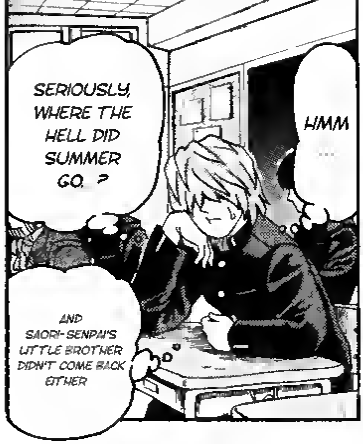
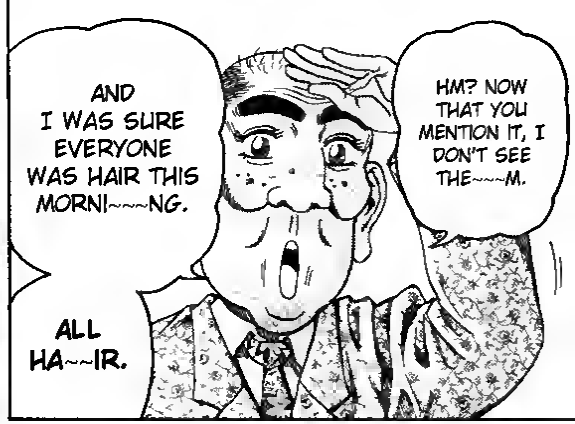
TODAY, SENSEI FORGOT HIS TOUPEE AT HOME.
UMMMM, WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE....


GET IT? SENSEI WON'T FLIP HIS WIG.
SENSEI WILL NOT FLIP HIS WIG.
SENSEI WILL NOT RUN AWAY.
BUT SENSEI WILL NOT BE BROKEN BY SUCH A THING

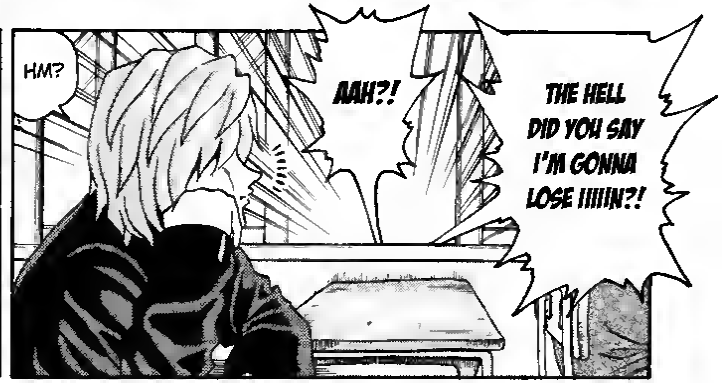
THEY DIDN'T COME BACK AFTER LUNCH BREAK!
HANAGATA -KUN AND SAORI-KUN ARE ABSENT.

YES, WHAT IS IT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR -KUN?!
SENSEI!


SERIOUSLY, WHERE THE HELL DID SUMMER GO. ?
HMM ...
AND SAORI-SENPAI'S LITTLE BROTHER DIDN'T COME BACK EITHER

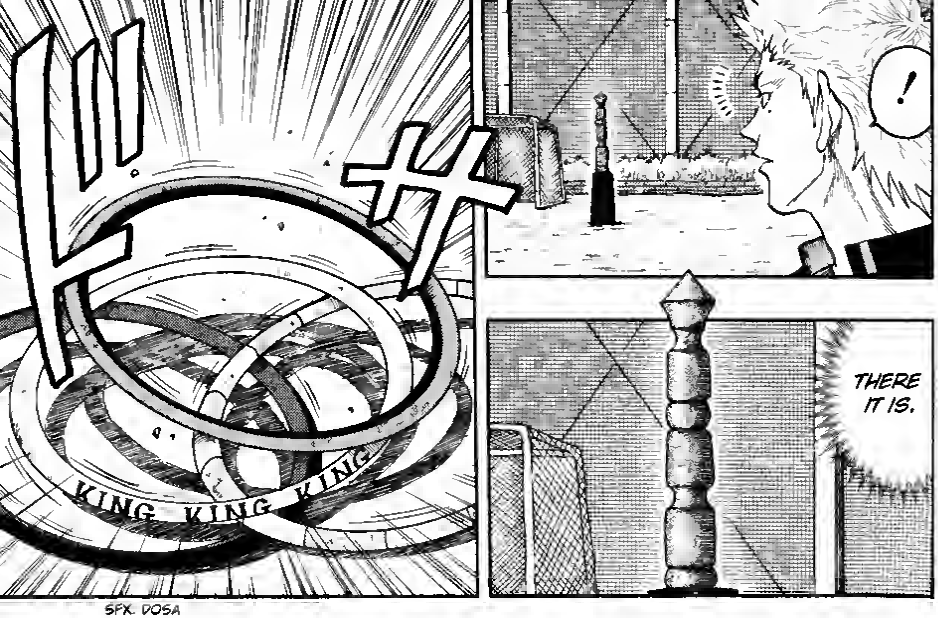

AND I WAS SURE EVERYONE WAS HAIR THIS MORNI~~~NG.
ALL HA~~IR.
HM? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DON'T SEE THE~~~M.

TH... THAT VOICE WAS...


HM?
AAH?!
THE HELL DID YOU SAY I'M GONNA LOSE IIIIIN?!

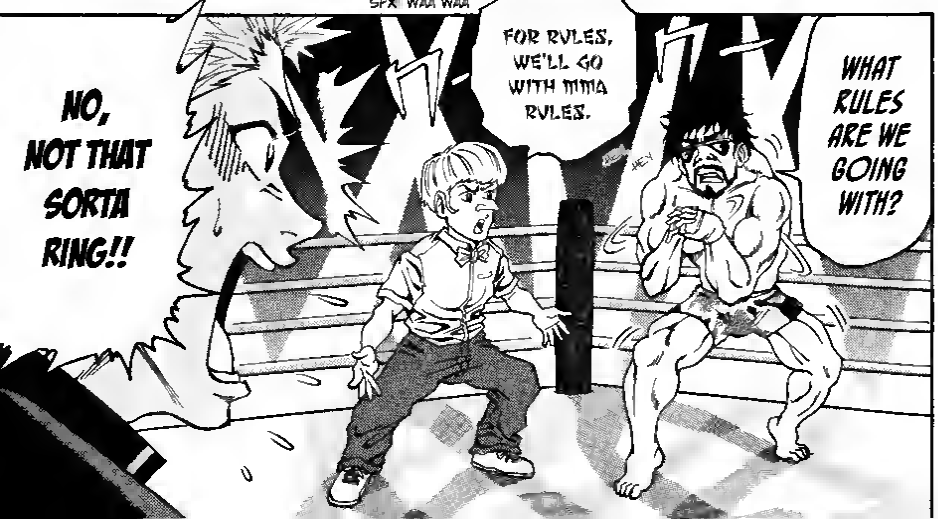
NOW FOR A POLE.....

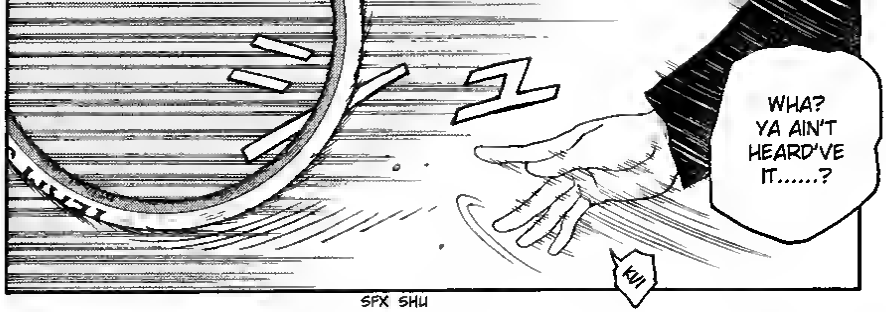
HMM
5 RINGS SHOULD BE ALL GOOD
YOU'RE A FIRST YEAR, TOO, DUDE
ALL RIGHT, BASTAAARD! I'LL TAKE YOU ON IN WHATEVER YA WANT, YOU FIRST YEAR!!
KING



SFX: DOSA

SFX: WAA WAA





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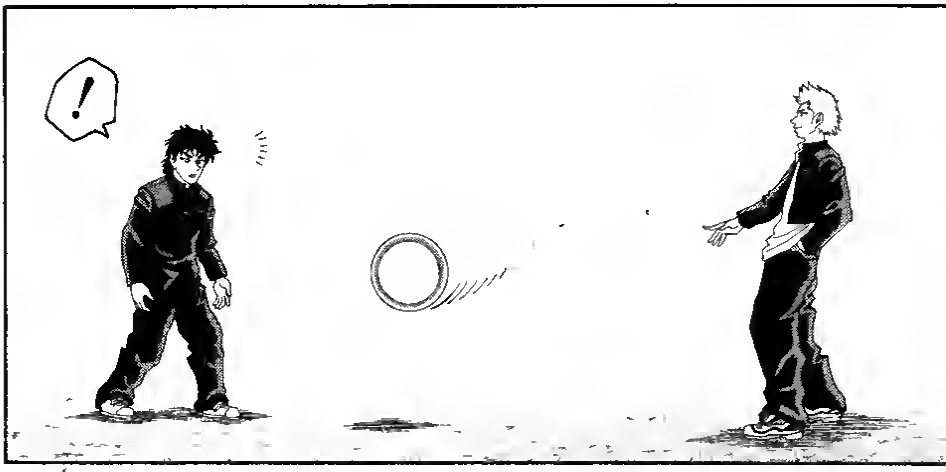
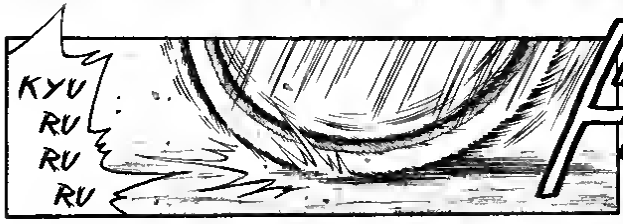
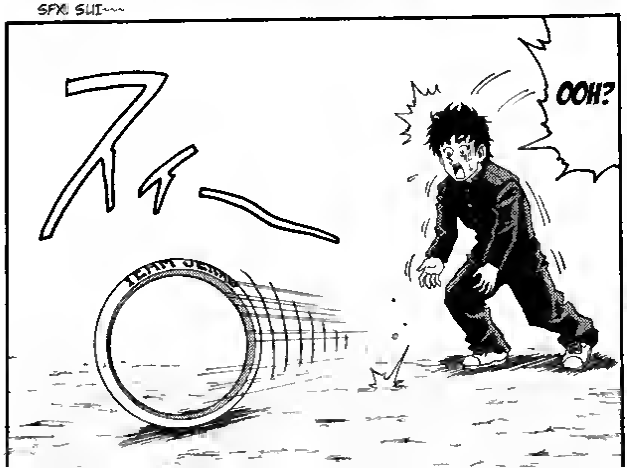
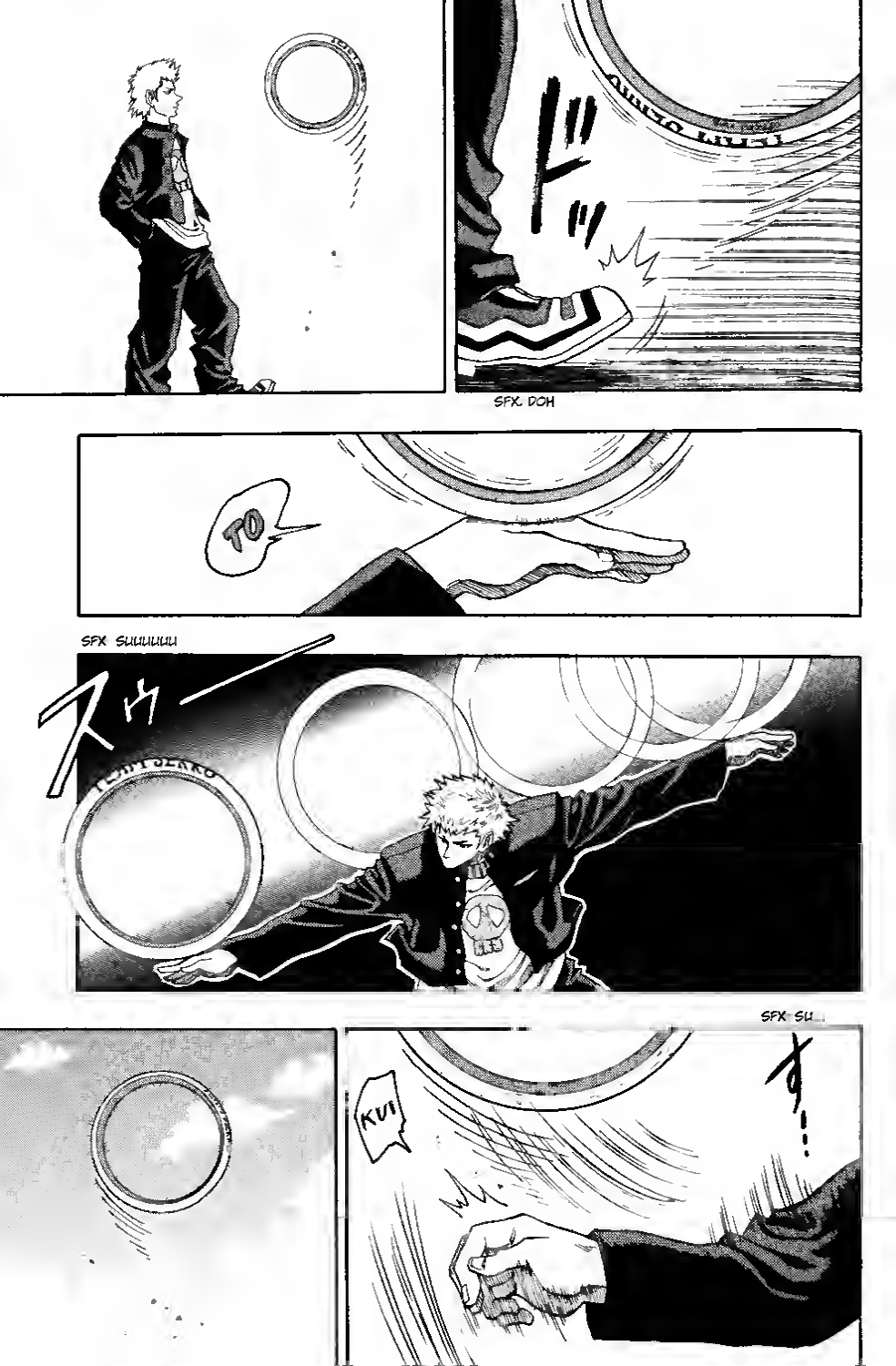




SFX DOH

SFX SUI~~




SFX. DOH
TO
SFX SUUUUUU
SFX SU...
KUI

FOR NOW, JUST TRY TA SNATCH THIS RING OUTTA MY HANDS, KAY?

'LLRIGHT, FERGET RULES...

SFX: BASHI

SFX: GABIIIN

WAT'S HE DOIN' OUT THERE?!

IT'S SUM-MER!!

I KNEW IT!

AAA AAH!

SFX: G.TAN

THEY'RE PLAYING "RING" IN THE FIELD!!

!

SENSEI! I FOUND HANAGATA -KUN AND SAORI-KUN!!

MU MU MU MU

THAA AAT'S ...

2 - 2

RING...

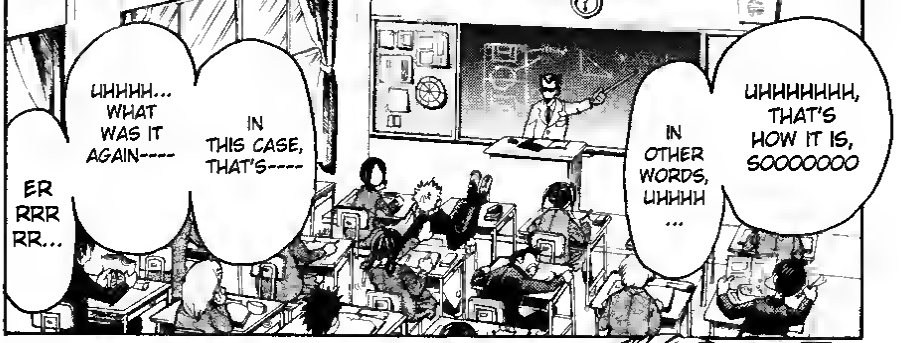
.....

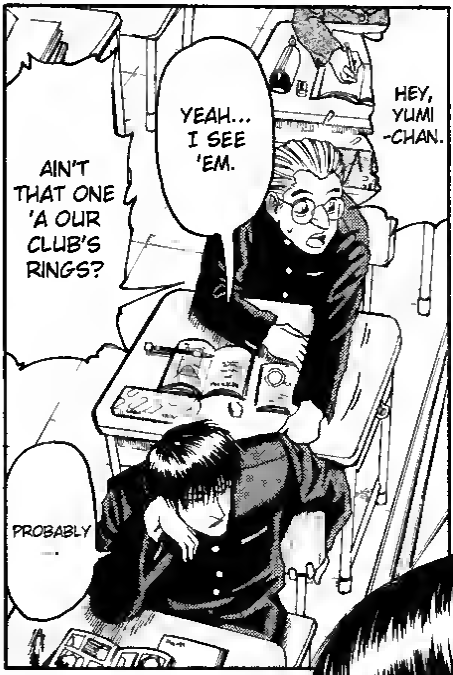
A RING FOR RING!

RING, EEEEH? THEN HOW ABOUT WE HAVE THE WHOLE CLASS BECOME A RING AND CHEER THEM ON?!

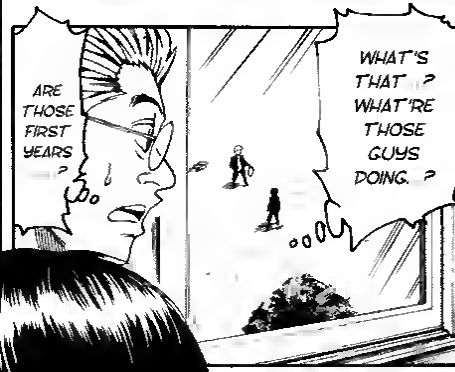
YOU WANT US TO CHEER THEM ON?!

Why?


ER RRR RR...
UHHHH... WHAT WAS IT AGAIN----
IN THIS CASE, THAT'S----
IN OTHER WORDS, UHHHH ...
UHHHHHHH, THAT'S HOW IT IS, SOOOOOOO


AIN'T THAT ONE 'A OUR CLUB'S RINGS?
YEAH... I SEE 'EM.
HEY, YUMI -CHAN.
PROBABLY

HUUUUUH?
So make sure you know it all~
HM?
WELL, WHATEVER ANYHOW THIS IS ALL GONNA BE ON THE TEST----


ARE THOSE FIRST YEARS ?
WHAT'S THAT ? WHAT'RE THOSE GUYS DOING ?

I'D LIKE TO STOP THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT..... LOOK AT THAT GUY...
IF KEN-SAN AND THE OTHERS FIND OUT, THEY'RE GONNA YELL AT US...

LOOK.

YEAH...

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOIN' 1-ON-1.

HUH? THAT SAORI GUY FROM KITA MIDDLE?

THAT GUY'S THE MANAGER'S LITTLE BROTHER, AIN'T HE...?

AND SEE HOW GOOD THEY ARE.....

LET'S WATCH FOR A MINUTE

TEAM JERRO

SUMME-EEER!

Come get it whenever ya waaant! ♪

SFX: SHURURURURU

SFX: URU URU (TEARING UP)

AND ALL HE EVER DOES IS PLAY AROUND WITH RINGS....

I FEEL SO BAD FOR HIM..... I'LL BET THIS GUY'S NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS IN A LONG LONG TIME.....

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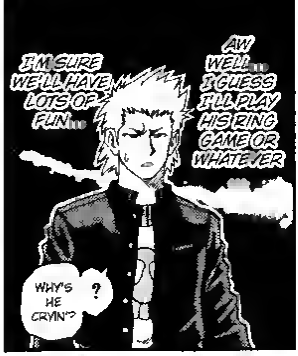
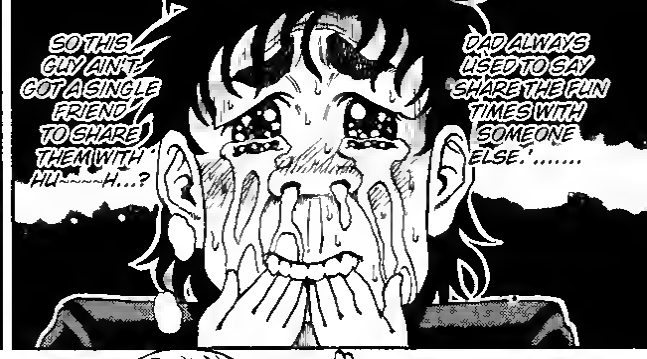
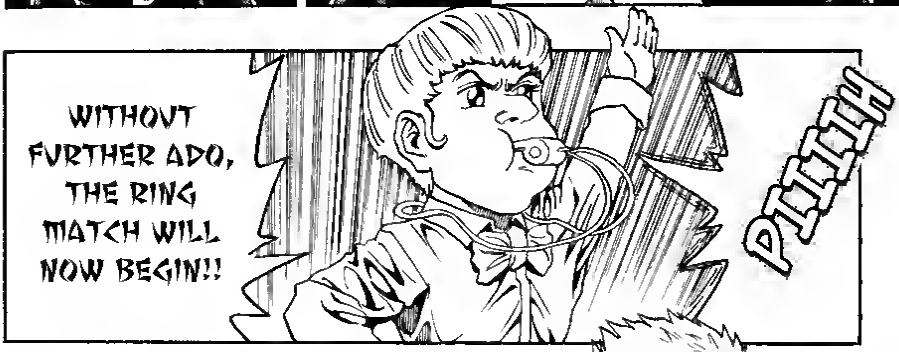

I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE LOTS OF FUN...
AW WELL... I GUESS I'LL PLAY HIS RING GAME OR WHATEVER
WHY'S HE CRYIN'?


SO THIS GUY AIN'T GOT A SINGLE FRIEND TO SHARE THEM WITH HU~~~H...?
DAD ALWAYS USED TO SAY 'SHARE THE FUN TIMES WITH SOMEONE ELSE.'.....


WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, THE RING MATCH WILL NOW BEGIN!!
PIIIIIH

LEAVE THE REFEREEING TO ME!
THIS IS FOREIGN-ER.
LET ME INTRODUCE HIM
WHO THE HECK IS THAT FOREIGNER...?

I JUST GOTTA TAKE THAT HOOP FROM YOU, RIGHT...?
HMPH.... WELL, ANYHOW....

DON' MAKE ME LAUGH~~~~ YOU DON' EVEN KNOW HOW TA PLAY RING...

Kak kak ka!

THIS'LL BE OVER IN 2 SECONDS.

SOUNDS EASY...

HUH?

SENSEI'S HERE.

AAAHHH, SORRY, HOLD IT.

.....

HM?

SFX: BAO

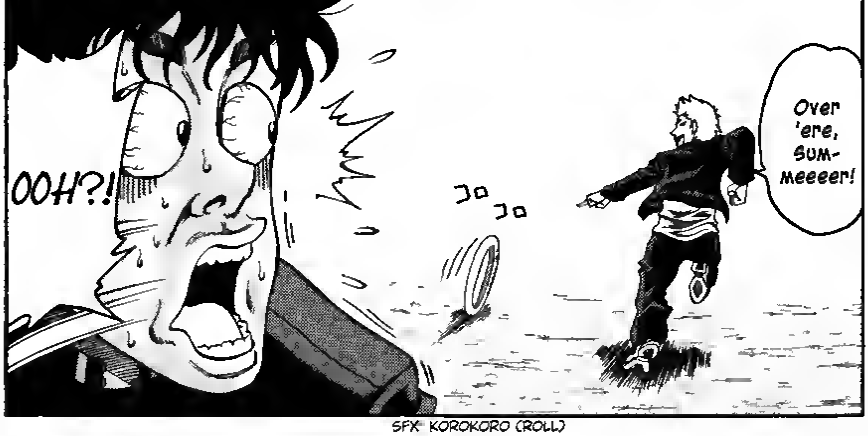
!

--RAI

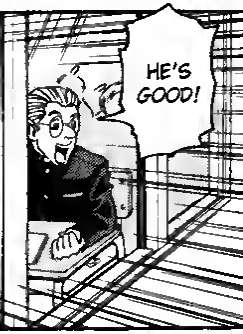
SFX: DOOON WAAA UOOO

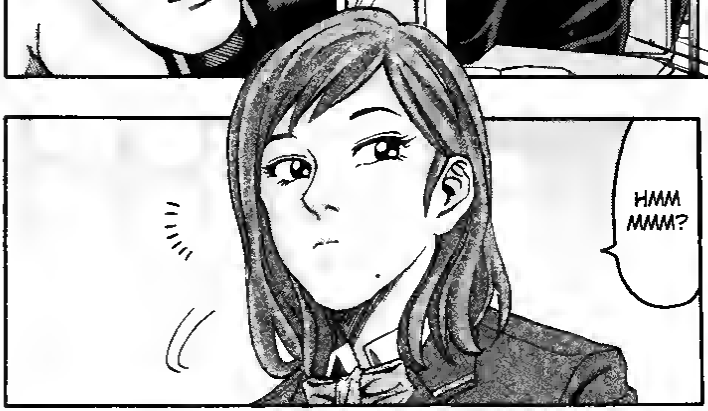
TAKE A BUNCH OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE CROWD THERE ARE FROM SEIKIMITSU LEADER DEN TAKESHI.

HASN'T EVEN EVER PLAYED RING BEFORE, HAS HE.....!?
AND SUMMER..
BUT WHY'S HE PLAYING SUMMER...?
ANYHOW..... I SEE..... SO THAT'S SAORI-SENPAI'S LITTLE BROTHER....
SFX: GURU
SHU
ORA AAAA AH!!
SFX: BAH
?
SFX: DAH



SFX: KOROKORO (ROLL)





QUIT SCURRYING AROUND!!

GODDAMM IIIIIIIIT!!

THAT'S MY LITTLE BROTHER .....

YER RIGHT .....

SHUT UUUP! I CAN'T TAKE IT, SNOT-KUN!

UNLESS I GET SOME DISTANCE YOU'LL CATCH ME, RIGHT?

YER TOO CLOSE, MAN.

EVERYONE'S IN CLASS .....

WHAT'RE YA DOIN', YOUSUKE ...?

SNOT?

YOU'VE GOT SNOT ON YOUR FACE UNDER YOU EYE, DON'CHA, BASTAAARD ?!!

THIS IS A MOLE!

SFX: GAH GAH GAH GAH

SFX: ZAZAZA

OOH ?!

YEAH, WELL YOU'VE GOT CRAZY CURLY HAIR!!

DAMN.

SFX: DAH

SFX: GUH

GETTING COCKY!

SNOT-KUN'S .....

HM?

HE'S HEADED FOR THE GOAL, ISN'T HE?

THAT SAORI GUY,

!

'LL RIGHT!

TIME FOR POINT #1!

HOLD UP.

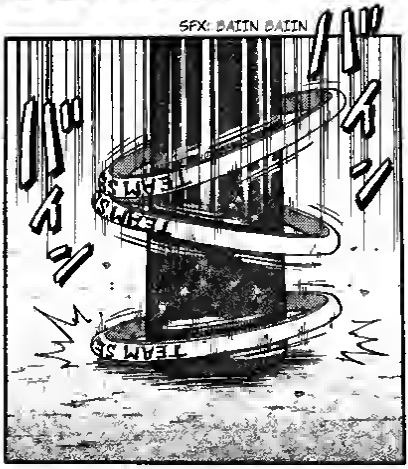
OWAH ?!
----HE'S FAST!!

HEY, RIGHT OVER HERE!!!
YOU'RE PRETTY ...

BETWEEN THE LEGS!
AH?!
Good, isn't she?
SFX: BAH
SFX: PASHI

THAT'S IN.

TEAM SE
SFX: DOH


SFX: BAIIN BAIIN
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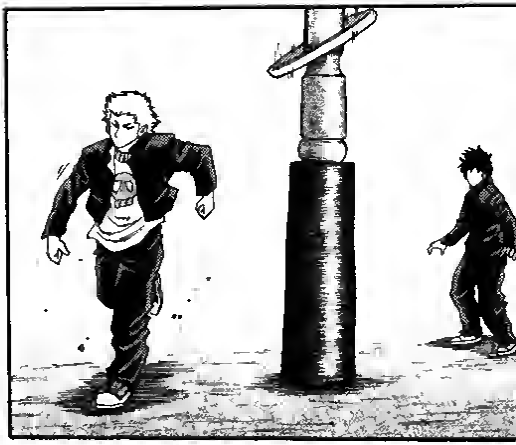

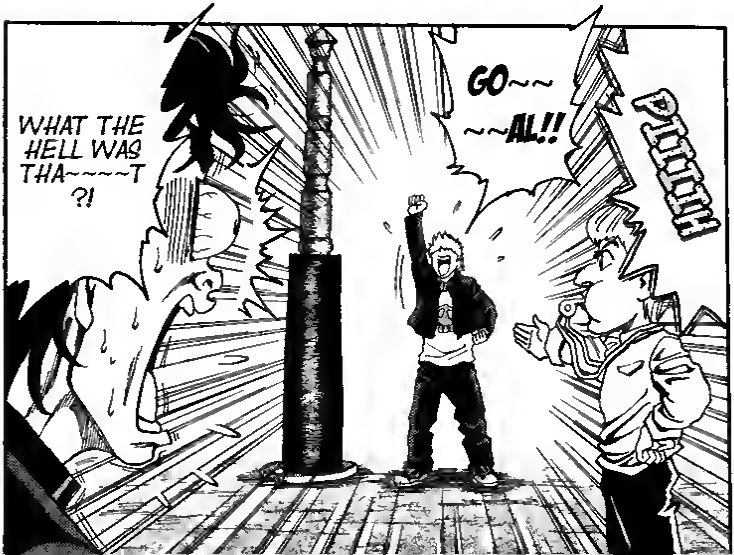
WHAT THE HELL WAS THA~~~~T ?!
GO~~ ~~AL!!
PTTTTTH

THAT IS "RING".

THOUGH YA USUALLY PLAY 7-ON-7

WHAT? WHAT IS THAT POLE?!

IT'S THE GOAL, MAN.

.....

HEH?

.....

THIS HUMILIATION WHERE I WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE RING BUT NOW ONLY DID I NOT EVEN TOUCH IT, HE ENDED UP GETTING A GOAL ON THAT WEIRD POLE!

NO WAAAY..... IT'S A FRIGGIN' RING TOSS...! DOES AN ACTIVE RING TOSS GAME LIKE THIS REALLY EXIST? THERE'S REALLY A SPORT LIKE THIS?!

I NEVER KNEW! LITTLE OLD ME HAD NO IDEA!? I NEVER KNEW, BUT..... BUT..... I DUNNO, THIS HUMILIATION .....

SUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUPER FRUSTRATING!!!!!

IT'S REAL FRUSTRAT-!!!!NG!!!!!

OWAHI

SFX: BATABATA

SFX: BAH

NOT YET!!!

OKAY, GOT 'EM!

What're you a little kid?

IF I GET 'EM ALL IN THE GOAL, I WIN.

DON' WORRY... THERE'RE STILL 4 MORE RINGS LEFT.

AND WE CAN SAY IF YOU C'N TAKE ONE, YOU WIN, 'KAY, SUMMER?

KING KIN

ON THE ROOF

MEAN-WHILE ------

SFX: SHIIIIIN

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GEORGE IS STILL UNCON-SCIOUS...

NOW THEN, LET THE 2ND ROUND BEGIIIN!

GET REVENGE FOR GEORGE-SAN!!

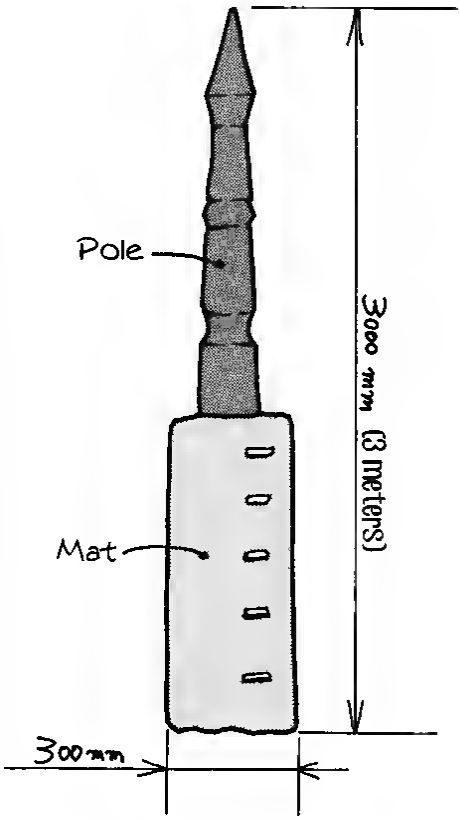
DON'T LET HIM WIN, SUMMEEE ER!!

Shimabus

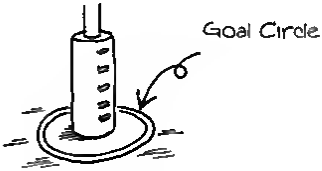
Thought up all on my own....

Rings goals size!

- Made out of many different materials. Anything from wood to lightweight metal. Pounded into a hole dug in the ground, then wrapped in a mat. There are also varying designs for the actual pole.



- The size of the pole for high school students and above is 3 meters. Middle school is 2 m 70 cm. Elementary school is 2m 30cm. There is a goal circle with a 60cm radius extending from the center of the goal. Its against the rules for players to step or put their feet inside this circle. But for cases where someone slams into the goal because of momentum, the goal must be wrapped in a mat.



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BEFORE I GET THEM ALL IN THE GOAL, SUMMEEEEER...
OKAY..... LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE ONE OF THESE LAST 4 RINGS
KING KING KING
HUHU..... YEAH, IT'S NOT GONNA HAPPE~~~N.
BEING THE BEGINNER YOU ARE.
Ring4 : Legendary Door

HEY, I TOLDJA THIS IS A MOLE!!
HEY, DUDE, YOU'VE GOT SOME SNOT THERE.

AND SEEING AS BOTH YOU AND I ARE ONLY 15, WE'RE BOTH BEGINNERS AT LIFE.
QUIT SPOUTING ALL THAT HYPER NONSENSE LIKE BEGINNER AND MOWUL AND SHIT, BASTAAARD.

BUT I THINK THERE'S A CHANCE YOUR CONFIDENCE MIGHT BE COLLAPSING.....

I DUNNO WHAT AWAITS ME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.....

GRN

THAT MUCH I KNOW...

NOT GONNA HAPPEN.

SFX: GOOOOOOOOOO

Ring4 : Legendary Door

SFX: PTITH

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO THE 2ND ROUND WILL NOW BEGIIIIIN!

FUCKIN' KILL HIIIIM!

SLUG THAT GUY, SUMMEEEER!!

GRAB THAT THING ALREADY, DAMMIT, SUMMER!!

COME ON!
LET'S GO, DAMMIIIIIT !!
SFX: BAH
SFX: BAH

WHAT NOW...?
THERE ARE PEOPLE ON THE GROUNDS PLAYING RING!

YOUR BOTTOMS FINE. KEEP THAT ON!!
SFX: BAH
ORAAAAAA

HU~~~~~H?
HEY, HEY, THAT BLOND GUY'S GOOD!

'RE THOSE 1ST YEARS?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HEY, YOU GUYS! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A LESSOOOON!
HEY, KEN! ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

I'M REALLY GONNA HAVE TA GIVE ALL THE 2ND YEARS A STERN TALKING TO LATER~~~~
GEEZ...
WHY'S A CAPTAIN GOTTTA HAVE SO MANY COMPLICATED JOBS LIKE THIS~~~...
SFX: PORI PORI (SCRATCH)
GU...
YA CAN'T EVEN TOUCH THE DANG RING!
HEY, HEEEY, WHAT'S WRONG, SUMMEEEER ?!
SFX: DAH
SFX: ZAH
SNOT-FACED JERK.
HE KEEPS HOLDING THE DAMN RING JUST OUTTA MY REACH.

NUAH?!
!?
SFX: BAH
SFX: AAAA
THAT'S SAORI ALL RIGHT.
THAT GUY CAN REALLY MOVE HIS BODY WELL...
!
YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL, TOO, HANAGATA -KUN!!
NICE OOONE, SAORI -KUUUN!
THAT'S SOME GREAT PLAY, YOU TWO!
1年3組
HM?
SFX AAAA
IS THAT RIGHT?
.....
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE MADE WAS THE CAPTAIN OF NORTH-MIDDLE WHEN THEY MADE IT TO THE BEST 4 IN THE COUNTRY.

WAIT UP, DAMMMIT!
HEY, C'MOOON, I'M MAKIN' IT TO THE GOAL, SUMMEEEER!
DAMN, HIS HAIR'S LONG!!!
SFX. DODODODODODO
MU
UOOOOOO
SFX. BUN BAIN
HMPH!
WELL HIS SPEED'S ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT
SU...

COME 'ERE!

URAA

HM?

AND DO A DIRECT SHOT.

HE'S GONNA GRAB IT

A BOUNCE SHOT?!

NO.

SFX: SU

AH!

POINT #2

ABOVE ?!

O A?

GOTCHA!
SFX: DAH
SFX: GAH
SFX: DOKAH
DAA

HEY, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A LESSON, DAMMIIIT!
IS IT OUTSIDE?
WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE?
WHAT?!
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA ZAWA

THAT SAORI'S REALLY SOMETHING
Y... YEAH...
NO, NOT HIM .....
.....
HE'S PRETTY GOOD.

.....
HUH?

SFX: WAAAAAAAAAAAA
HE SCOOORED!

HE'S GOT GOOD LEGS.....
THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD, HOW HE OVERTOOK HIM LIKE THAT.....

SFX: ZAWA ZAWA
.....

YOU SCUM!! YOU BALDY!! YA POOP!!!

YOU PINWORM!!

LIKE HELL I AM! MOROOON!!

KAKKAKKA! YA GIVE UP, SUMMER?

NKI-IIIIII

GOD DAMM IIIIIT

THE PINWORM AT THE END'S WHAT I'M REALLY UPSET ABOUT!!

APOLOGIZE FER THAT!!

AH

SORRY .....

MAYBE I WENT A LITTLE BIT TO FAR WITH THAT FIRST 'MORON'.....

I DON'T GOT A CLUE WHAT YER TALKIN' ABOUT, YOU'RE REALLY A MASTER AT BEING ALL TALK.....

?

ANYHOW!

NEXT TIME I'LL COME AT YOU LIKE A STORM AND DO A DEFENSE 6-4-3 DOUBLE PLAY, DAMMIT!!!

OKAY... THEN.

オオ--

SFX: OOOHH

HM?

I GOT NO INTENTION 'A LOSING THIS....!!!

BUT..... HUHU..... HE REALLY IS AN AMATEUR..... I'M NOT FEELIN' A LICK A "INTENSITY" I FELT ON THE ROOF.....

I TAKE THESE OFF, HUH?

GUESS IT'S TIME...

HU HU.

ONE OF THESE WEIGHTS WEIGHS .....

BIRI BIRI BIRI

Y... YER KIDDIN' ME, RIGHT...? HE'S HAD EXTRA LOAD ON HIS HANDS THIS WHOLE TIME?

WRIST WEIGHTS?!

WH..... WHAT...?

C'MON, C'MON, C'MON!!

QUIT GRUMBLING AND BRING IT!!

HUH? WHAT THE HELL'S THIS? WHAT'S ALL THIS EVEN FOR, DANGIT?!

Come ooon!

SFX FASA

5 grams.

SFX GABIIIN

THEY'RE FRIGGIN LIGHT, THEN!!!

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SFX MERA MERA (CRACKLE)

I'M REALLY GONNA BEAT HIM NOW.

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BASTA------RD. ALL THIS SCREWING AROUND...

DORYAA!
URAA!
AAAAAA
OWAAAA!
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' SLIMME-EEER!!
AA-----
GO-----AL!
PIIIIIH
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA
THEY'RE HAVING A RING SHOWDOWN!
HUH..? OUTSIDE?
HEY, HEY, THOSE TWO ARE PRETTY INTERESTING.
SFX: WAAAAA
HM?
HEEEEEY, GIVE IT YOUR ALL, 1ST YEAAARS!
OU..... SHI-----T.
ONE MORE AND I WIN!
THAT'S THE 4TH POINT!
DAHA HAHAHA! SERVES YA RIGHT!
This guy sucks for real!
You're scum! AHHAH HAHHA HHA!
WHAT AN IMMATURE LITTLE R SCAL...
This ain't even a challenge!

KYAAA!
PLEAAAASE, YOU'RE GONNA RUIN OUR LESSONS AT THIS RATE!
YOU TWO OVER THERE----- PLEASE END THIS SOON AND GET BACK TO CLAAASS!
MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT NO REGRETS!
DON'T LOSE, HANAGATA -KUN!
THIS PLAY'S GONNA GO DOWN IN HISTORY, GUYS!
FIGHT, SAORI -KUN!
OH ..?
HEEEEY! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF LESSONS, GUYS!
O...
GET SOME DISTANCE, DUDE! DISTANCE!
YOU'VE GOTTA SLIDE MAN!
PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT, PERM GUY!
PERM-KUN, DON'T LET HIM BEAT YOOOU!
NIIICE ONE, BLONDIIIIE!

HUH?

JYU

HOOOT !!!

THAT WAS SOME INCREDIBLE HOT GAZE, DANG!!!!!!!!IT!

TH... TH-TH...

THE WHOLE SCHOOL'S IN A TIZZY.

UWA~~~~~T HIS AIN'T GOO~~~~D.

THE CAPTAIN'S GONNA GIVE ME A LECTURE AFTER THIS FER SURE, TOO.

GE~~~~~Z, YOUSUKE, THAT MORON.

THOUGH SHE MAY NOT BE CHEERING FOR ME..... BECAUSE SHE'S SO INNOCENT.

IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF ALL THE LOVE!

YOU'RE CHEERING ME ON WITH THAT GAZE, OKAY!

Man, I wish we could get married already.

GEEZ, IT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER.

WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

HEY, YOU, ASSHOLE!

!

うおおおお

ALL RIIIIIIGHT!

SFX: HO OOOO BIKUNH (SURPRISE)

FOR THE LAST ONE, LET ME CARRY THE RING!

I'M CHANGING THE RULES!

AH?

THERE AIN'T NO WAY YOU'RE GONNA GET PAST ME AND MAKE A GOAL!

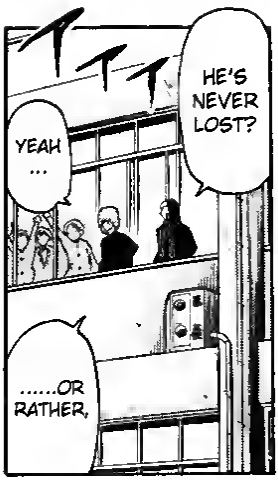
LEMME JUST SAY THIS, YOU'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE HERE.

Ho~~~~H? Yer kiddin' me.

WHY IS IT YOU GET TO DO ALL THE OFFENSE AND I'M ALWAYS ON DEFENSE, ANYHOW?! THAT AIN'T NORMAL!!

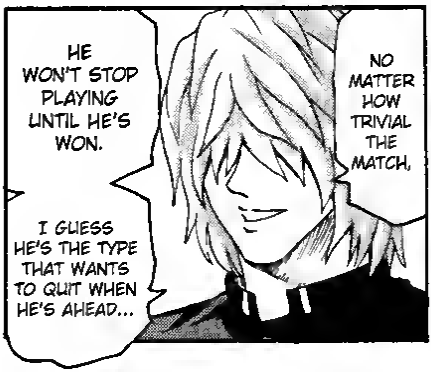
I WANNA SCORE A GOAL, TOO, DAMMIT!

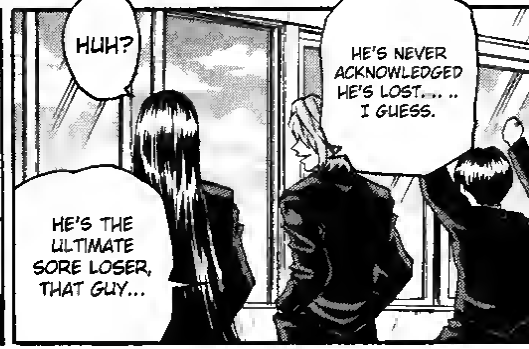
LEMME ON OFFENSE AND YOU DEFEND!


HE'S NEVER LOST?
YEAH ...
.....OR RATHER,

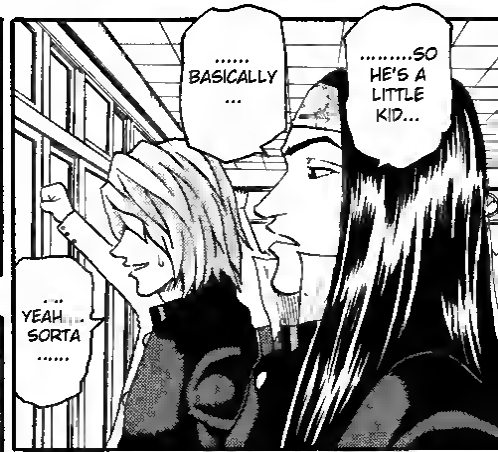
NO MATTER WHAT THE GAME, I'VE NEVER LOST...!
HMPH..... WE WON'T KNOW HOW THE MATCH GOES UNTIL IT HAPPENS...! BY THE WAY,

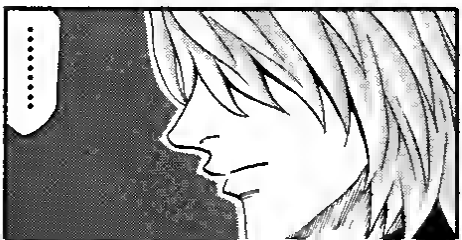
HUAH?


HE WON'T STOP PLAYING UNTIL HE'S WON.
NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL THE MATCH,
I GUESS HE'S THE TYPE THAT WANTS TO QUIT WHEN HE'S AHEAD...


HUH?
HE'S NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED HE'S LOST.... .. I GUESS.
HE'S THE ULTIMATE SORE LOSER, THAT GUY...

SUMMER'S GONNA LOSE.
BUT HE'S UP AGAINST A BAD OPPONENT HERE...


..... BASICALLY ...
.....SO HE'S A LITTLE KID...
... YEAH... SORTA .....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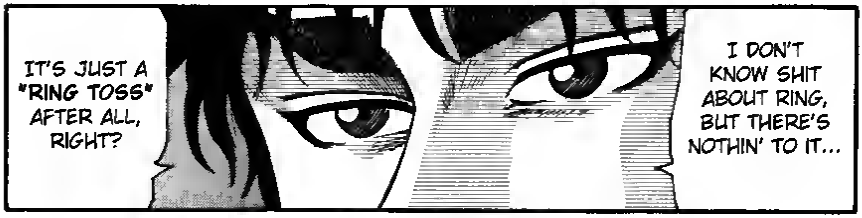
HERE YA GO, SUMMEE-EER!
SFX: BUN
SFX: PASHI
DAH HAH HAH HA!
DON' MAKE ME LAA-AUGH!
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU THE FIRST BLACK MARK ON YOUR RECORD.
THIS GUY.....
YOU'VE NEVER LOST...? HAHA.
SO THIS IS MADE 'A RUBBER, HUH.....?
.....HMM...
THIS SHOULD BE GOOD...
WHAT, IS THIS YER FIRST TIME TOUCHING A RING?
AH?
LIKE HELL SOMEBODY WITH A SHIRT STRETCHED BY A HANGER IS GONNA GET PAST ME.....
THIS GUY WITH HIS MESSED UP COLLAR.....

HUH?
HM...? YEAH, THAT ALL YA GOTTA DO...
MAYBE I SHOULD MOVE BACK A LITTLE MORE...
NO, THERE'S FINE.
I'VE JUST GOTTA GET IT ON THAT POLE OVER THERE, RIGHT?
AH, NOTHIIIIN'.


IT'S JUST A "RING TOSS" AFTER ALL, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW SHIT ABOUT RING, BUT THERE'S NOTHIN' TO IT...

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HEY.
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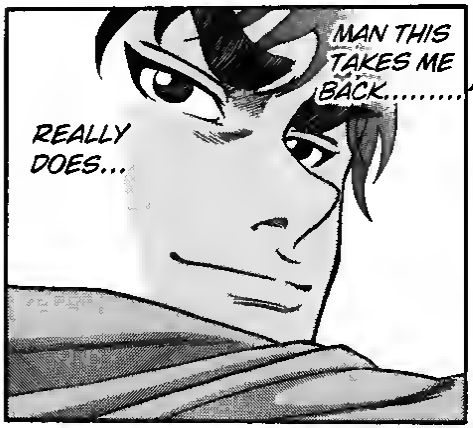
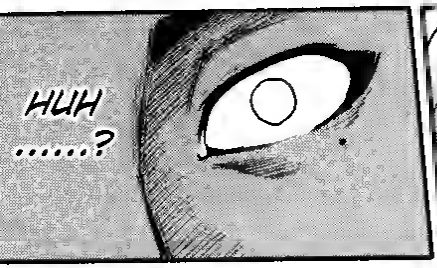

MAN THIS TAKES ME BACK.....
REALLY DOES...

SFX SU
AT A FAIR OR SOMETHING, I THINK...
A LONG TIME AGO, I DID THIS WITH MY DAD

UH?
.....
WHAT'RE YA DOING .....

PUH


HUH .....?

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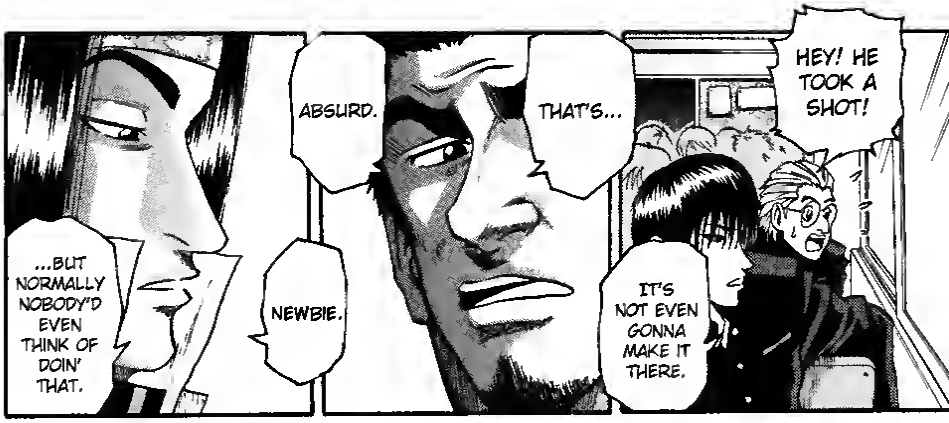
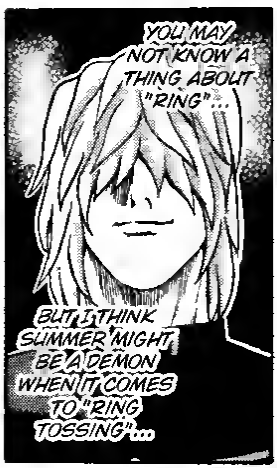
... HUH?
HUH? HEY...

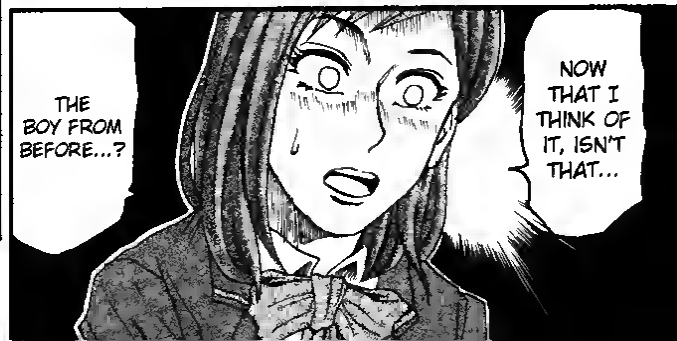
ARE YOU A FRIGGIN' MORON?!

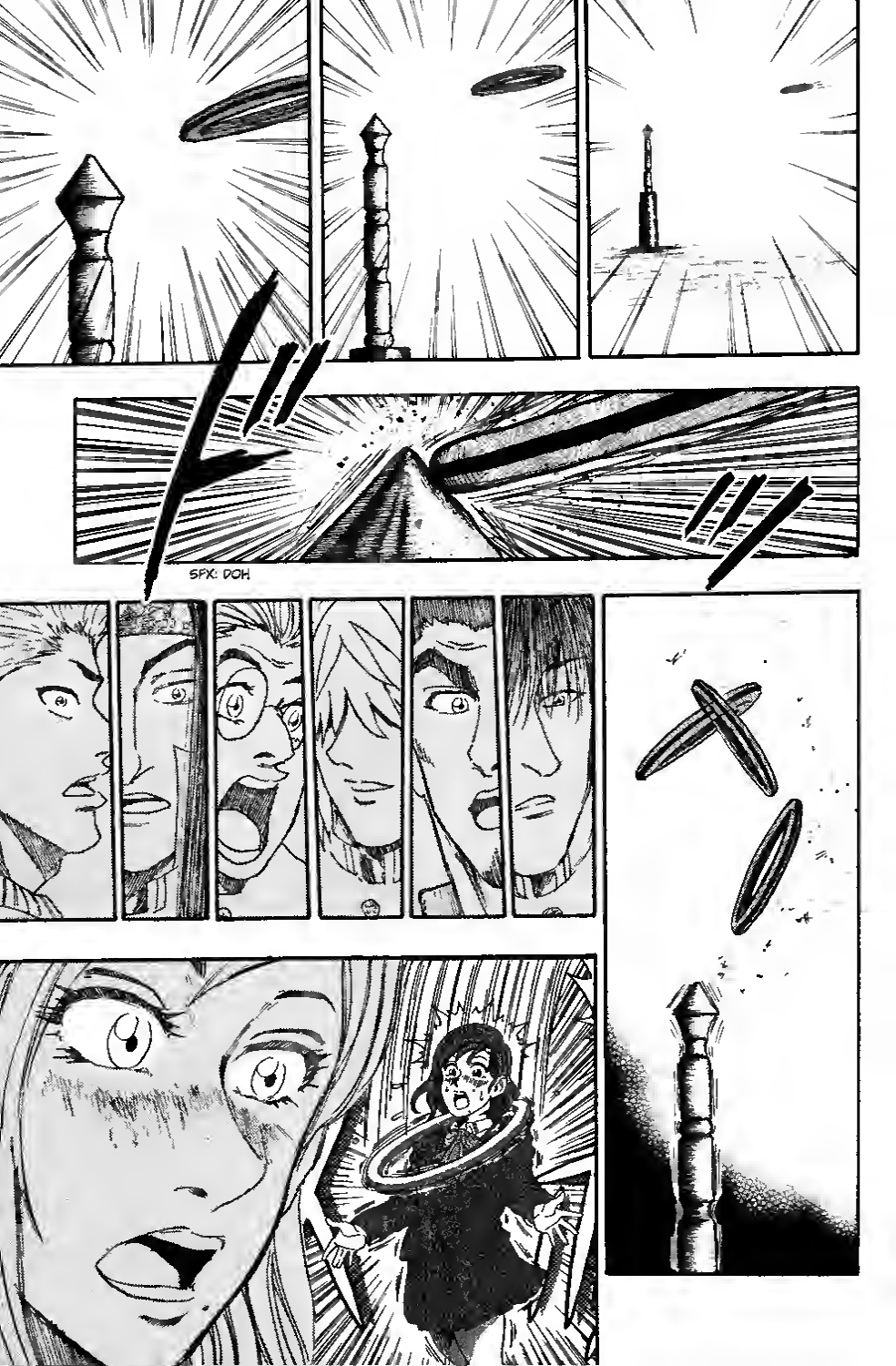
YOU'RE SHOOTING FROM HERE?!

LIKE HELL THAT'S GOIN' IN!!








SFX: DOH

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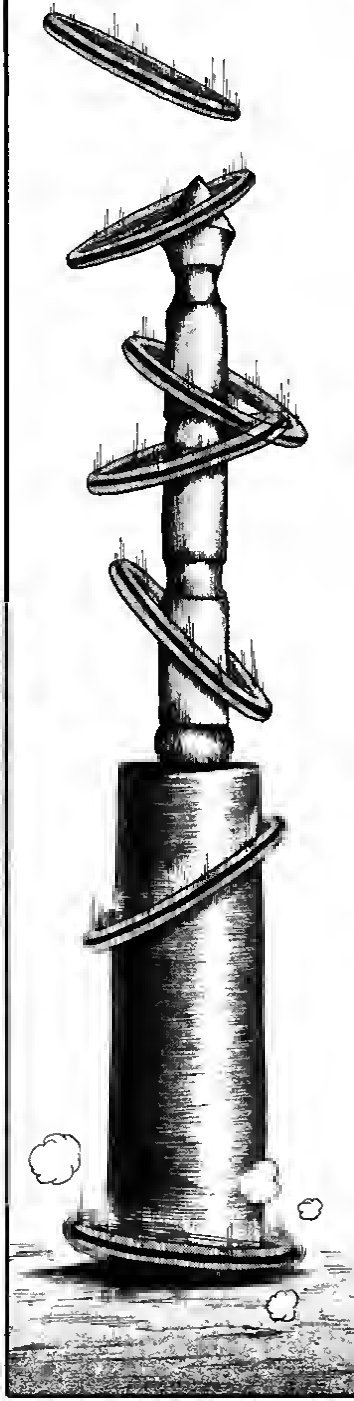


AAAAAAAA
UWAAAAAA
SFX WAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAAAAA
WHAT THE HELL.....
WH...
HE GOT !!!!!!IT!
THAT SHOT WAS NEARLY 50 METERS AWA~~~~~~Y!
IS THIS GUY?!!!!!

AMONG ALL THE CHEERS ...

SUMM EEEER!

ALL RIIIII-GHT!!

SUMMER IS THE WINNEEEER !!

LIKE A TREMOR

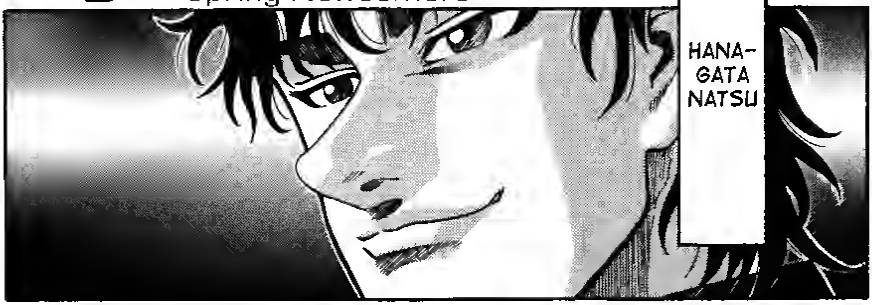
SFX. WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

KNOCKED ON A DOOR.....

SUMMER TRULY... ABSOLUTELY ...

THE DOOR OF A LEGEND

Ring5: The Fierce Battle for Spring Newcomers



THE "RING MATCH" BETWEEN THESE TWO CAUSED A SHARP RISE IN THE BLOOD PRESSURE OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY...

MORNI-IIING!

HEE EY!

DUDE, DID YOU SEE THAT LAST SHOT?

EVEN THE NEXT DAY, PEOPLE'S HEADS WERE STILL SPARKING WITH THE MEMORY OF IT. IT HAD CAUSED QUITE A STIR.....

OH YEAH, MAN.

IT WAS REALLY SOMETHIN' ELSE, WASN' IT?

DID YOU SEE THAT RING MATCH YESTERDAY?

Ring5 : The Fierce Battle for Spring Newcomers

SFX: WAI WAI
1-3
YER NAME'S SAORI-KUN, RIGHT?
AAAAH, HEY, YOU...
SFX: PURU PURU (SHAKING)
2 JAM BUNS AND A YAKISOBA BUN.
AND HAVE THEM MAKE THE RECEIPT OUT FOR 'SUMMER THE WINNER'.
to buy a sandwich for me?
Sorry, but could you go at Mach 2
With this
OKAY, SAORI -KUN,
YOU KNOW THERE REALLY IS NO SUCH A CRAZY PHENOMENON AS A FLUKE IN THIS WORLD.
IT'S ALL, YOU KNOW.....
FLUKE?
DON'T GET SO CONCEITED OVER A FLUKE WIN, ASSHOLE!!
WHY THE HELL DO I GOTTA GET YOU SOBA SANDWICHES AND CRAP LIKE THAT?!!
AH~~~~ STILL IN HYSTERICS, ARE YOU?

GOD THIS IS FRUST-RATING!

PURE SKYILL.

SKYILL.

YA KNOW?

Understand?

SFX: KUKIIIH

SFX: BIKUH

THAT'S WHAT I WANNA KNOW, DAMMIT!!

WHY ARE YA IN THE SAME CLASS AS ME ANYHOW?!

YOU SHOULD QUIT SCHOOL!

YOU SHOULD TRANSFER TA SOME OTHER SCHOOL!

WAIT, SHUT UP, YOU!

WELL, YA SEE~~ I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CLOTHING SO IT'S HARD TO SETUP A ROTATION FOR EVERY DAY...

HOW?! HOW THE HELL COULD I LOSE TA THIS GUY THAT WEARS THE SAME CLOTHES EVERY DAY?!!

HUH?

HM

PH

IF THERE'S A CLASS REUNION 10 YEARS FROM NOW, THERE'S NO WAY IN HEEEELL I'M GOING!

KEH

PUHH

THESE TWO... LOOKS LIKE THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS EACH OTHER IS GONNA STAY LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE...

THAT AIN'T GONNA BUY SHIT!

AND WHAT'S WITH GIVIN' ME 50 YEN?!

I DON'T WANNA, YOU MORON!!

Anyhow, Forget all that, just go buy me a sandwich!

IT'S ALL THE MONEY I'VE GOT RIGHT NOW!

.....

UMMM...

HEY!

AH, SAORI-SENPAI!

!

HEEEEY, TOKIDA-KUUUN!

YEAH... THIS IS ABOUT YOUSUKE, TOO...

BUT THE THING IS...

AH, BY THE WAY, YOUR LITTLE BROTHER'S HERE TODAY.

OOOOH, TOKIDA-KUN, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN THAT TAIMESHI...

With me

H... HEY, ABOUT YESTERDAY...

AH~~ SORRY

OH, IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY. I'M NOT MAD OR ANYTHING.

I WAS BEING UNREASON-ABLE...

HUH?!

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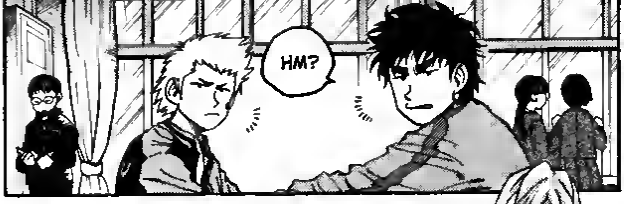
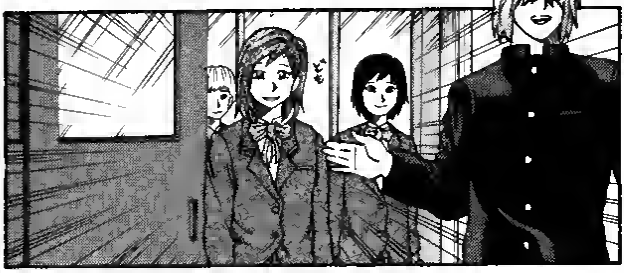
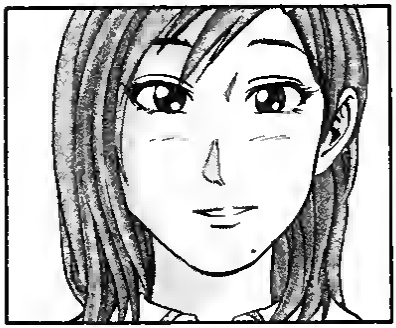
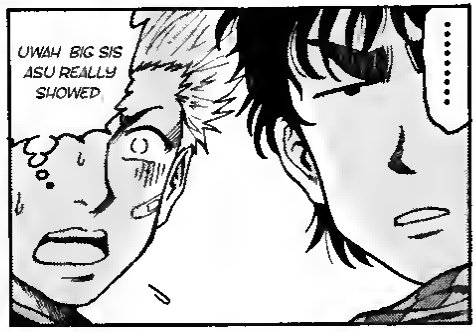
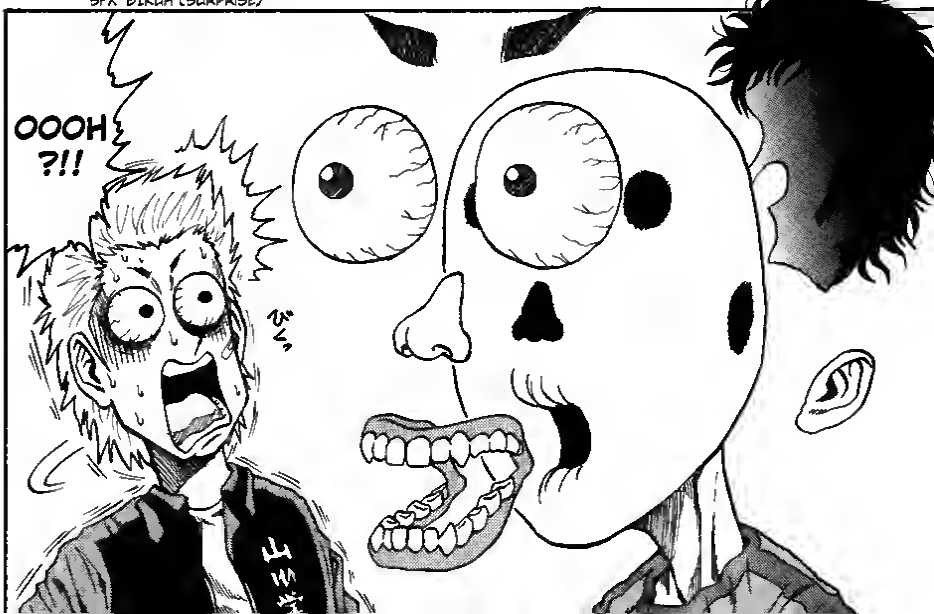








SFX BIKUH (SURPRISE)



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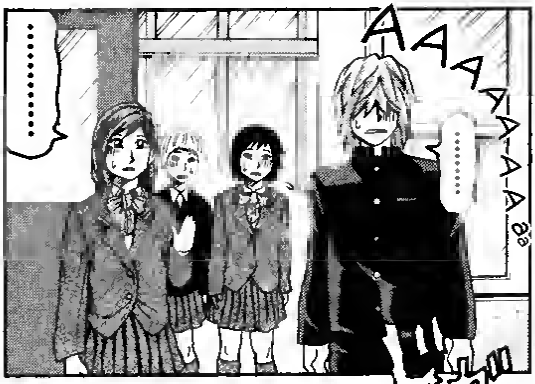
ARE MY EYES NOT SCREWING WITH ME RIGHT NOW??
ARE THEY IN FO-CUS?
IT ALL CAME OFF!!
ONE SEC!
EVERY PART OF IT!!
GIMME A QUICK TIME OUT!
HEY!
SFX: GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI GOSHI 20
SFX BAH KYUPIIIN
ばりっ
キュピーン
SFX: BAKYULIN AAA AAA AA
バキューン
ALL RIIIIIIIGHT!

I'LL BET I COULD EVEN FLY IN THE SKY LIKE A BIRD---!!
SFX: TOOOU BAH
I FEEL LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING RIGHT NOW!!
I CAN DO ANYTHING!
SFX: DADA DADADA DA


SFX: DOKAN

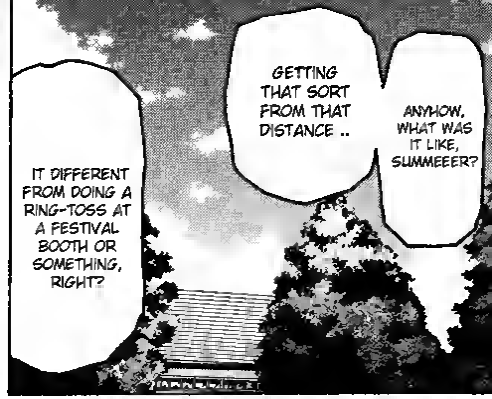
SFX: PARIN
SFX: PIKU PIKU (TWITCHING)

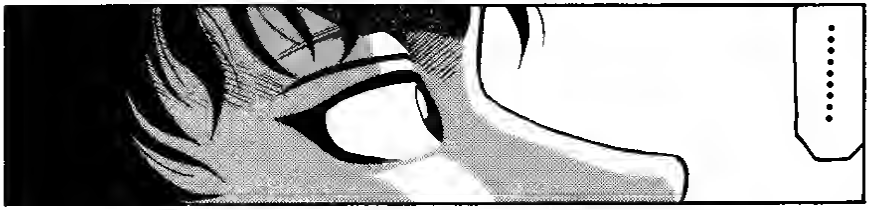
YOUSUKEEEE, I NEED YOU, TOO! LET'S GET GOIN'!
IT'S STARTIN' ALREADY!
SERIOUSLY ---?
Y.. YEAH NO PROBLEM.
IT'S SUMMER -KUN, RIGHT?
TO... TOKIDA-KUN... SORRY, BUT COULDJA GO GET HIM FOR ME?

Thing's got really intense all of a sudden here~~~!

Wha~~~t do I do~~~! Aw man. Toki~~~~

SFX DOKI DOKI DOKI ETC





SFX: DOKUN DOKUN

YOU SHOULD TRY IT, TOKI...

THEN YOU'LL GET THE IDEA...

.....!

SUM-MER...

THOUGH IT'S REALLY NOT THE SAME WITHOUT THE PRIZES.

IN THAT WAY, THE FESTIVAL BOOTHS ARE WAY MORE...

SUMMER...

.....

HE'S A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MINE, SO I CAN TELL.....

THE FACT THAT SUMMER IS ENCOURAGING ME TO DO IT...

THOUGH I'M NOT SURE IF SUMMER'S REALIZED THAT HIMSELF YET...

MEANS THAT HE'S ALREADY HOOKED ON IT...

I REALLY DIDN' WANNA COME... BUT BIG SIS ASU SAID I HAD TA.

What're you tagging along for?!!

Aaaah! Saori, you bastard!

HM?

SHEESH... THIS AIN'T THE TIME TA BE SAYING SUPER-OPTIMISTIC THINGS, SUMMER.

SFX CHRARAIIIIN

BIG SIS ASUUU?

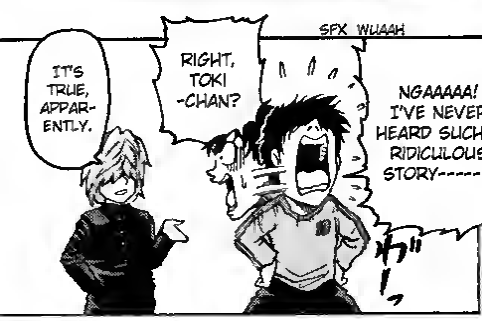
B...

SFX キャーン

BIG SIS-TEEEER?
AAH?

WHAT SORTA RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH ASUKA -SENPAI, YOOOOU?!!
THAT'S SOME HYPER-FAMILIAR SHIT RIGHT THERE!!
YOU BASTAAARD! WHO THE HELL WAS THAT BIG SIS ASU OR WHATEVER DIRECTED AT, ASSHOLE?!!
AH, RIGHT I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, SUMMER
UM, SHE'S MY BIG SISTER, DUDE...

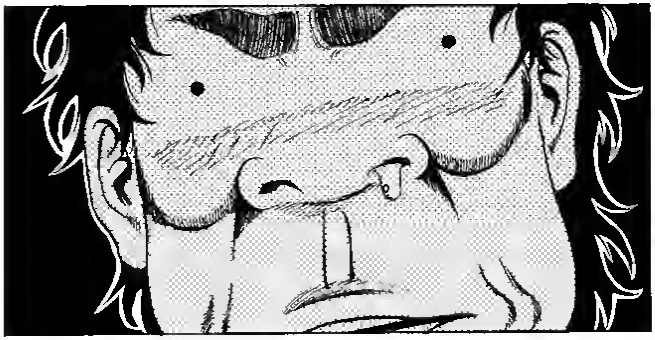
WHO IS?
I AM.
WITH WHO?!
YEAH, DUDE, WE'RE SIBLINGS?


IT'S TRUE, APPAR-ENTLY.
RIGHT, TOKI -CHAN?
SFX WUAAH
NGAAAAA! I'VE NEVER HEARD SUCH A RIDICULOUS STORY-----!!

BIG SIS ASU? WHO'S THAT?!
I TOLD YOU, WITH BIG SIS ASUKA.
SAORI ASUKA.

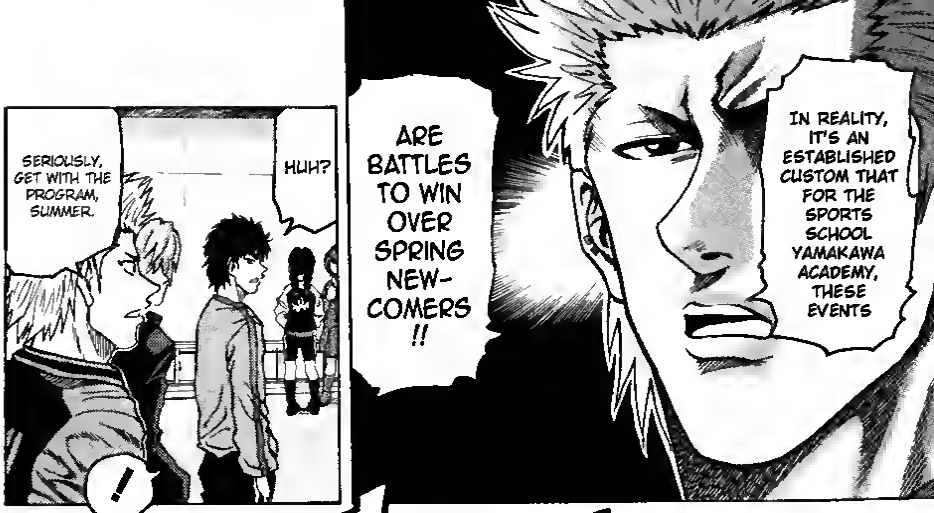
I SAID IT'S TRUE
HUH?
SERIOUSLY MAN, WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND ALWAYS PULLING STUFF LIKE...

YOU-SUKE?
HUH?
HEEEEY! YOUSUKE, GUUUYS! HURRY UUUP!
YEP

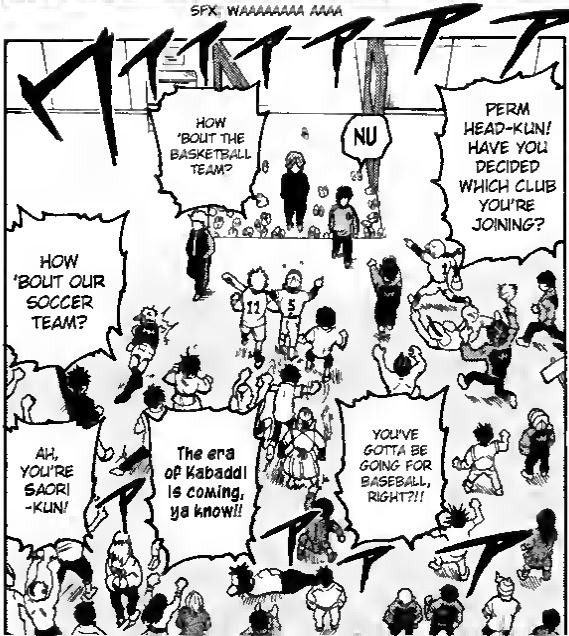


UH ..... WHAT THE HELL?
YOU-SUKE ~~~

SFX ZAWA ZAWA
GYM #1
OOH? HUH? WHAT?
MAN, LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE
IT REALLY HAS STARTED
SFX ZAWA ZAWA
THE CLUB ACTIVITY INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SIGN-UPS.
IN APPEAR-ANCE, THAT IS...
APPEAR-ANCE?


SERIOUSLY, GET WITH THE PROGRAM, SUMMER.
HUH?
!
ARE BATTLES TO WIN OVER SPRING NEW-COMERS !!
IN REALITY, IT'S AN ESTABLISHED CUSTOM THAT FOR THE SPORTS SCHOOL YAMAKAWA ACADEMY, THESE EVENTS

SFX. WAH
THERE HE IIIIS!!
YOU'RE ...
AAAAH!


SFX. WAAAAAAAA AAAA
HOW 'BOUT THE BASKETBALL TEAM?
NU
PERM HEAD-KUN! HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH CLUB YOU'RE JOINING?
HOW 'BOUT OUR SOCCER TEAM?
AH, YOU'RE SAORI -KUN!
The era of Kabaddi is coming, ya know!!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE GOING FOR BASEBALL, RIGHT?!!

HM?
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!!
YESTER-DAY'S HERO HAS ARRIVED!!

YOU'VE GOTTA JOIN KABADDI, BROOOO!!
KABADDI!!
JOIN OUR SUMO TEAM!!
PLEASE,
UH
I DON'T REALLY WANNA
IT'S YEAR 1 CLASS 3 HANA-GATA -KUN!!
DON'T YA FEEL LIKE DOING SOME KENDOU?
DON'T PUSH!
WE HEARD ABOUT YOU!!
SFX AAAAAAAAA
OUTTA THE WAY!!!
HEY, HEY!!
SFX: KAH
A-ASUKA -SENPAI!
HEEEY! SUMMER-KUUUN! OVER HERE! OVER HERE! QUIIICK!
HEY, SUMMER..... I HEARD YOU AVENGED ME PRETTY GOOD YESTERDAY.....
I CAN TAKE THAT THIS WAY?
SO BASIC-ALLY,
THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES!! INVITING PEOPLE IS THE 2ND YEARS' JOB!!
GEORGE -SAN!!
PIPE DOWN!

YOU WANT TO JOIN MY 'CHEERING PARTY'...!!

SFX: WAAAA

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, SUMMEE-EER

.....

SFX: BAH

WHERE'D HE GOOOO?!

SFX: SHIIIN

UMMMM, SUMMER ISN'T HERE, GEORGE-SAN

I'M YUMIBA, 2ND YEAR.

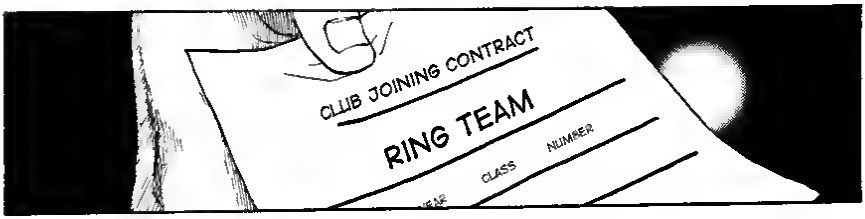
NICE TO MEETCHA!

BUT BEFORE THAT, I NEED YOU TO SIGN THIS.

I'D LIKE TO DASH STRAIGHT TO THE POINT...

NU?

THEN WE CAN TALK WITH A WAY MORE LAX ATMOSPHERE ...



T/N: "WA" IS AN ALTERNATE READING FOR THE KANJI FOR RING. USUALLY READ "RIN". THEY PRONOUNCE IT LIKE THE ENGLISH WORD "RING" THOUGH

WHAT'S THAT?

WA TEAM ...?

Hee?

HAH! IT'S ASUKA -SENPAI! ♡

IT'S WRITTEN AS 'WA' BUT IT'S READ AS 'RING'.

AH... WELL, SUMMER -KUN.

SHE'S SO CU~~~TE!

HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT RING IS, HUH...?

I SEE...

SFX: BAN

DON'T GO FLYING, NOW, YOU BASTAAARD!!

HEEY! YUMIBAA!!

No, check out our Judo team, first!

C'MON, HANAGATA-KUN! FORGET ABOUT THIS SHADY-LOOKIN' TEAM. COME HEAR ALL ABOUT OUR SYNCHRONIZED SWIM TEAM!

C'mon C'mon

NO, C'MON, THE KABADDI TEAM!!

HEY...

SFX. AAAAA

THEY HAULED HIM OFF...

TH... THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...

WH... WHAT THE HELL, GUYS...?

YOU CAN'T MAKE A NEWBORN LAMB OF A NEW STUDENT THAT DOESN'T KNOW HIS LEFT FROM HIS RIGHT TO SIGN SOMETHING RIGHT OFF THE BAT!!

FREE AGENTS NEED TO BE GIVEN AN INTRODUCTION FIRST!!

I'M GONNA GIVE HIM THE INTRO-DUCTION AND ALL THAT. FOR REAL.

Hey, jocks!

EVERY LAST CLUB IS DESPERATE TO GET THE BEST RAW TALENT ON THEIR TEAM AS POSSIBLE...

YES..... SPORTS ARE VERY POPULAR AT THIS SCHOOL.

HAAAAAAH

SFX: WAAAAAAA

SFX: AAA AA

AH, TOKIDA -KUN!

SAORI -SENPA~~~!

THERE SURE IS... QUITE A FUSS GOING ON, ISN'T THERE?

I SEE ...

ONCE THE CURRENT 3RD YEARS RETIRE, WE THINK THE RING TEAM MIGHT BE DONE FOR...

ALSO THE BUDGETS GIVEN TO THE CLUBS VARY GREATLY ON HOW WELL THEY PERFORM EVERY YEAR... SO THE "RING TEAM" IS ALREADY ONLY HANGING ON BY A THREAD...

AND UNFORTUNATELY IT'S ONLY THE "RING TEAM" THAT'S NEVER GONE TO NATIONALS...

SFX. AAAA

IF YOU ACT RIGHT NOW, I CAN OFFER YOU A VICE-CAPTAIN CHAIR!

HEY, HEY, HANAGATA -KUN!

JUST FOR ONE DAY!

WE DON'T HAVE ANY HIERARCHICAL RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON SENIORITY, BUT ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS ARE ...OKAY♡

You don't need to be Pat!

WE'RE A SUMO TEAM, BUT THE OUTFITS WON'T BE TOO REVEALING!!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO PICK UP ANY BALLS ON OUR TEAM!

SUM-MER ...

SO THEN ...

SUMMER DOESN'T THINK THAT'S THE REASON, THOUGH...

THE OTHER CLUBS ARE GONNA BEAT US TO HIM!

YUMIBACCHI, HURRY, GO GET SUMMER-KUN!

Okay, got it.

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I ONLY CAME HERE SO I COULD SEE ASUKA-SENPAIIIIII!!!

SHUT UUUUP! YOU DAMN SPORT FANATICS!!!

Get away from me!

HONESTLY, I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM THE STATE OF OUR LOVE!!

SFX: ALL THIS SWEAT STIIINKS!

SFX: ORAAAA

うおおおお

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAAAAY!

オラああ

WAIT, DAMMIIIT !!

AAAAH

WHERE'D YOU GO, ASUKA-SENPAAAAI?!

AND LIKE I'VE GOT THE TIME TO JOIN ANY CLUBS!!

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IF WE POLISH IT, IT'LL BECOME A SHINING ORE!!
AND THAT INCREDIBLE SENSE FOR RING THAT GOT HIM THAT MIRACULOUS GOAL...
SFX: WAAAAAAAA DODODODODODO
I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANNA GO TA THIIIS!!
AW, GEE Z.
ARE THEY CHASING AFTER YOU, TOO?
AAAAH, SAORI!
NU
IF YOU JUST SIGN IT, THEN THE OTHER TEAMS CAN'T TRY TO GET YOU TO JOIN THEM! IT'S AN UNSPOKEN RULE!
SUMMER-KUUUN! JUST SIGN THE "RING TEAM JOINING CONTRACT" FOR NOW!!
Hurry!
BUT THEY DON'T FRIGGIN' GIVE UP... SO THIS IS WHY THEY CALL IT A BATTLE?
GEEZ. THESE GUYS... I SAID I WAS GONNA JOING THE "RING TEAM"...
WHAT THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TA LEARN FROM THIS...?!!
SO MAKE SURE YA LEARN ALL YER SENPAIS' SECRET TECH-NIQUES!
INVITING NEW RECRUITS IS THE 2ND YEARS' JOB, SO YOU GUYS WILL HAVE TO WORK REAL HARD ON IT NEXT YEAR,

AAAAAAAAH! Asuka -senpaai! ♡ IS THAT WHERE YOU WERE?

WHUUUH?! WHY DIDN' YA SAY SO SOONER, BIG SIS ASU!!

SFX: GYAN WAAAAAAA UOOOOO

SIGN, HUUUH?

SO IF I SIGN IT, THEN THESE ANNOYING PEOPLE WILL GO AWAY AND IT'LL BE JUST... JUST US TWO?!

YOU'D BETTER GET IT READY FOR ME TO SIGN, THEEEN!!

SFX: DAH WAAAAAA

THIS YEAR——

DAAAAAA AAAAAAA AAAAH!

UH... 2... NO... ALL OF THEM. JUST SPREAD THEM ALL OUT!!

HOW MANY?

OKAY, HERE THEY COME! GET THE PAPERS READY!!

GIVE 'EM A WIDE AREA TO RECEIVE!

SFX: DODODODODO

UOOO OOOO

OVER HEEE-ERE!

HUR-RYYYY!

SUM-MEEER!!

1ST PLACE, THE BASEBALL TEAM— 56 PEOPLE.

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IN THE BATTLE FOR SPRING NEW-COMER

SFX. DOGON

THE JUDO TEAM— 14 PEOPLE

THE TENNIS TEAM— 15 PEOPLE

THE BASKETBALL TEAM— 28 PEOPLE

THE SOCCER TEAM— 45 PEOPLE

A BUNCH TO SOME OTHERS.

THE HANDBALL TEAM— 14 PEOPLE

THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM— 27 PEOPLE

THE RUGBY TEAM— 41 PEOPLE

AND...

THE RING CLUB— 6 PEOPLE

JOINING CONTRACT

NG TEAM

RING TEAM

YEAR 1 CLASS 3 NUMBER 6

SAORI YOUSUKE

SOMEWHAT BAFFLING PERM-HEADED GUY...

INCLUDING 1...

CLUB

RING TE

YEAR CLASS

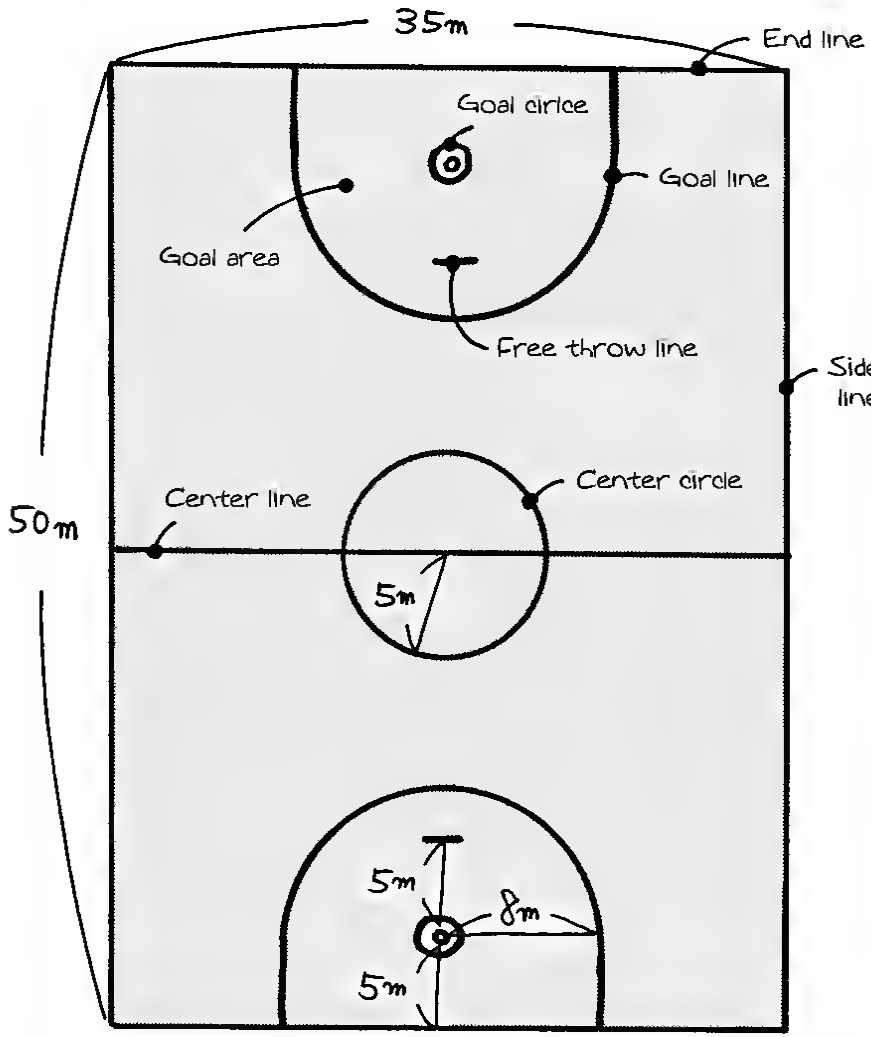
I LOVE ASUKA-SENPAI HANAGATA NATSU

RING TEAM

YEAR CLASS NUMBER

Shimabus Thought up all on my own....

Ring's courts sizes and names!



Something like this...

LI'L OL' ME HASN'T HEARD AAAANYTHING ABOUT THIS!

THAT'S MY FIRST TIME HEARING THIS!

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SFX: BURU BURU

HUH? SERI-OUSLY?!

YOUR BELOVED ASUKA-SENPAI IS THEIR MANAGER, AFTER ALL.

YOU DON'T MIND JOINING THE RING TEAM, DO YOU?

WHAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT?

I'M SHUFFLING THROUGH MY WHOLE BRAIN AND THERE'S NO DATA ON THAT!

NO WAY!

FOR THE "RING TEAM".

WELL, YA DID SIGN THE CLUB ENTRY FORM, SUMMER.

Maybe I didn't save.

MU?

HANA-GATA-KUN.

YOU SHOULD QUIT THAT RING TEAM.

IS THAT RIGHT? THEN ASUKA-SENPAI WAS SCOUTING ME, HER BELOVED, I GUESS~~~~~

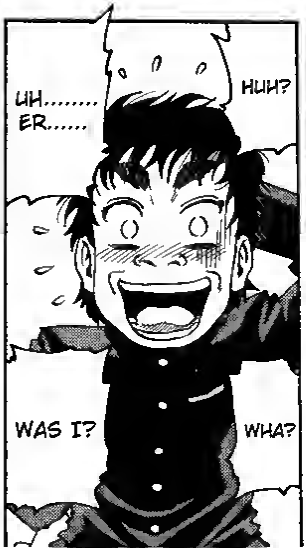
SERI-OUSLY.

SERIOUSLY~~~~~?! ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS WITH ME RIGHT NOW, TOK!~~~~~?!

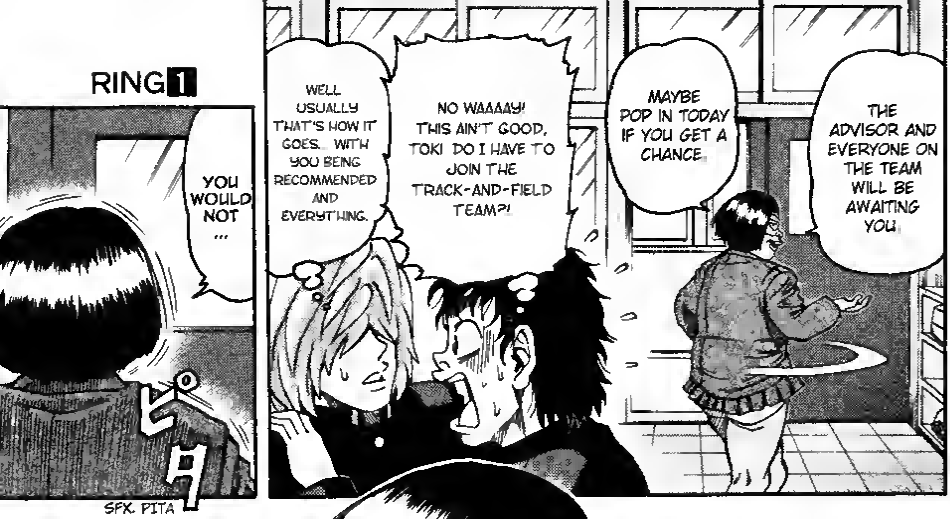
Ring6 : Dream Story

HUH?
NICE TO MEET YOU! ♡
I'M NOBUMI, I'M THE MANAGER OF THE "TRACK-AND-FIELD TEAM".

HUUUUUH?! WHAT IS THIS?!
A NEW SPECIES ?!!


UH..... ER.....
HUH?
WAS I?
WHA?

HANAGATA-KUN, YOU CAME INTO THIS SCHOOL AS SOMEONE RECOMMENDED FOR THE TRACK-AND-FIELD TEAM, RIGHT?
I CAME TO SEE YOU.


YOU WOULD NOT ...
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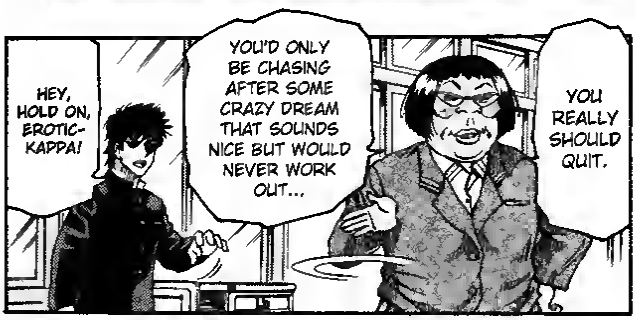
SFX: PITA
WELL USUALLY THAT'S HOW IT GOES... WITH YOU BEING RECOMMENDED AND EVERYTHING.
NO WAAAAY! THIS AIN'T GOOD, TOKI DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE TRACK-AND-FIELD TEAM?!
MAYBE POP IN TODAY IF YOU GET A CHANCE.
THE ADVISOR AND EVERYONE ON THE TEAM WILL BE AWAITING YOU.

THE ONE WITH THAT CLUMSY MANAGER WITH THE IRRITATING KANSAI DIALECT...
SAY YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN THE "RING TEAM", RIGHT?


HEY, HOLD ON, EROTIC-KAPPA!
YOU'D ONLY BE CHASING AFTER SOME CRAZY DREAM THAT SOUNDS NICE BUT WOULD NEVER WORK OUT...
YOU REALLY SHOULD QUIT.

SFX: PIKU
ピク
WHU?

AND WHAT'S A NICE SOUNDING DREAM THAT WOULD NEVER WORK OUT?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A CLUMSY MANAGER?

SFX: NMA!
ぬま!
Erotic-kappa?

SHE'S ALWAYS GOING ON ABOUT 'DOMINATING NATIONALS' ALL THE TIME...
OH... YOU KNOW HER? SHE'S IN THE SAME CLASS AS ME.

OH? WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SOUND ANNOYED, HANAGATA-KUN.
HUHU... HOW CUTE.
THE MANAGER WITH THE KANSAI DIALECT,
IS IT ASUKA -SENPAI YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

DOMINATING NATIONALS? THAT'S A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM...
BUT OUR SCHOOL'S RING TEAM HAS NEVER EVEN MADE IT TO NATIONALS...
MAKES YOU WANT TO TELL HER TO GET HER HEAD OUTTA THE CLOUDS.
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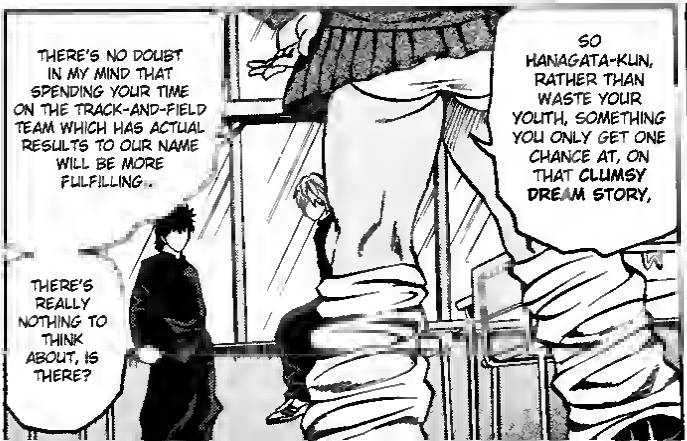
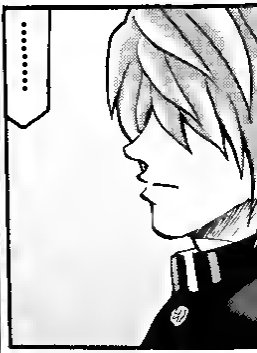

THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT SPENDING YOUR TIME ON THE TRACK-AND-FIELD TEAM WHICH HAS ACTUAL RESULTS TO OUR NAME WILL BE MORE FULFILLING.
SO HANAGATA-KUN, RATHER THAN WASTE YOUR YOUTH, SOMETHING YOU ONLY GET ONE CHANCE AT, ON THAT CLUMSY DREAM STORY,
THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO THINK ABOUT, IS THERE?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I'VE MADE UP MY MIND... I'M JOINING THE "RING TEAM"...!!

GOING THROUGH YOUTH WITHOUT A SINGLE DREAM...?

WHAT'S ATTRACTIVE ABOUT A BUNCH OF MEANINGLESS ACHIEVEMENTS?

HM?

DYAHA HAHAHA YEAH.

DEFINITELY NOTHING TO THINK ABOUT.

SUM-MER...

YOU CHEEKY LITTLE.....

----- WHA?

IF "CONQUERING NATIONALS" IS ASUKA-SENPAI'S DREAM...

THEY'RE GOOD THINGS, AIN'T THEY? DREAM STORIES...?

THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE IT COME TRUE.....!!

Ring6 : Dream Story

SFX: KIIN KOOHN KAAN KOOHN

キーン コーン カーン コーン

CHOOSING TO GO TO ANOTHER CLUB ON HIS OWN, AND THEY'RE JUST ALLOWING IT THAT EASILY?

SOMEBODY WHO ENTERED THE SCHOOL ON A RECOMMENDATION

BUT IT'S WE~~~~~IRD!

WHAT IS?

TS

PACHI

HM?

WELL, ABOUT THAT... THAT'S JUST BECAUSE OF HOW THIS SCHOOL IS.

MY UTTER DEVOTION TO THE RING TEAM...

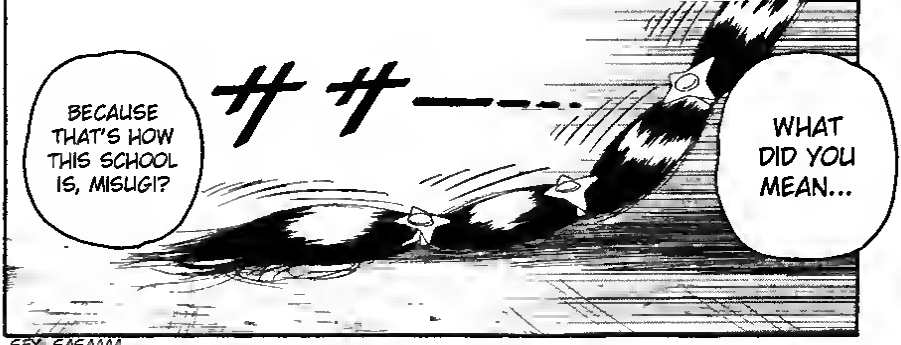
I GUESS MY SCALDING PASSION MUST'VE GOTTEN THROUGH TO THEM!

UH, BUT YOU WERE JUST ANNOYED AT THAT GIRL INSULTING ASUKA-SENPAI, WEREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE ...

AH!

WHO IS THIS GUY...?
SUPER-LONG-HAIR-KUN. HE'S IN OUR CLASS.
UH...
I'M MISUGI
NICE TO MEETCHA, SUMMER.
SUPER-LONG-HAIR-KUN!
HEY.
HM?
I'M ON THE "RING TEAM", TOO...
GUESS WE'LL BE OUT THERE GIVING IT OUR ALL TOGETHER
HEY, PRACTICE IS ABOUT TO START.
LET'S GET GOING, SUMMER.
MAN, HIS HAIR'S LONG!!


BECAUSE THAT'S HOW THIS SCHOOL IS, MISUGI?
WHAT DID YOU MEAN...

SFX: SASAAAA...

SO WE'VE GOT A LOT OF RECOMMEN-DATION SLOTS.
WELL... THIS SCHOOL'S FAMOUS FOR OUR SKILL AT SPORTS...
EVERY TEAM'S FULL OF ELITES SCOUTED FROM COMES FROM MIDDLE SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE PLACE...
LIKE SUM-MER...

HMM ...
.....
SO BASI-CALLY ...

BUT EVEN AMONG THOSE RECRUITS, MOST OF THEM... QUIT THE TEAMS IN UNDER A MONTH...
USUALLY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE RIGOROUS PRACTICES...

.....
I SEE...
SO THAT'S WHY THEY DIDN'T REFUSE SUMMER.....
It was all purposeful

THEY JUST END UP QUITTING, SO IT ENDS UP AS JUST A WASTE OF TIME...
IF PEOPLE WHO AREN'T REALLY INTO IT JUST JOIN BECAUSE THEY'RE FORCED

was to make me regret it because of how hard it'd be.....!!
SO THE REASON SHE DIDN'T STOP ME
THAT ERO-KAPPA ...

THAT KINDA...
YA KNOW ...
MMMMMM
PUTS A BAD TASTE IN MY MOUTH.

AH, SORRY.
YOU'RE STEPPING ON IT, MAN!
OWO WOW OW!

YOU'RE LATE, DAMMIT!!

HEY, FIRST YEARS!!

HURRY IT UP!

AAAA! SAORI, YOU BASTARD! WHAT, ARE YOU TRYING TO LOOK COOL BY BEING ALL DILIGENT ON YOUR OWN AND SHIT?!

SORRY, SAORI.

OH.

THE RING TEAM'S HOPE, THE SUPER ROOKIE HAS ARRIVED...!!

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M THE GUY THAT ACCEPTED AN OFFER DIRECTLY FROM ASUKA-SENPAI!

WHAT IS IT, SUMMER...?

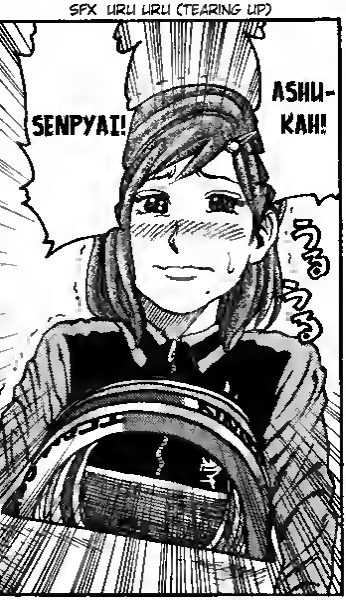
AH?

WHY'RE YOU HERE?

MY GOAL IS "CONQUERING NATIONALS"!
UNTIL I ACHIEVE THAT, I'M NOT QUITTING NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!!

YOU REALLY JOINED?
HUUUUH? YER KIDDIN' ME!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL MAKE IT IN HERE. YOU SHOULD QUIT.
YOU IDIOT!

YOU'RE REALLY INTA THIS?
HEH?


SFX URU URU (TEARING UP)
SENPYAI!
ASHU-KAH!
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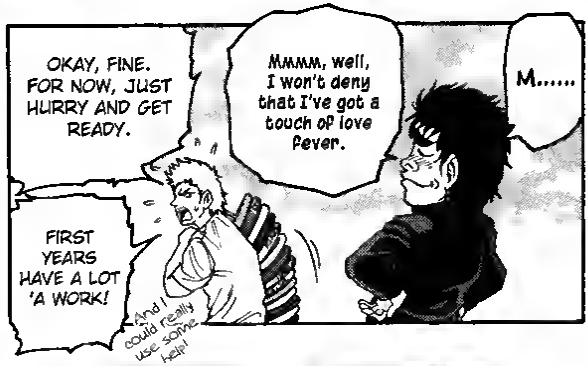
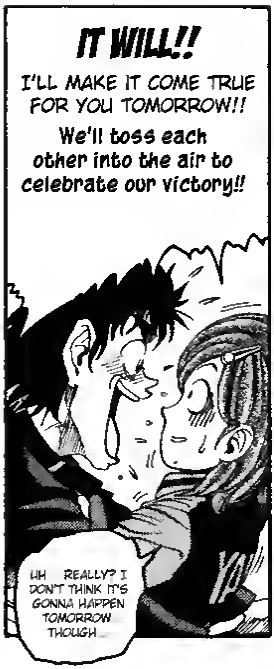
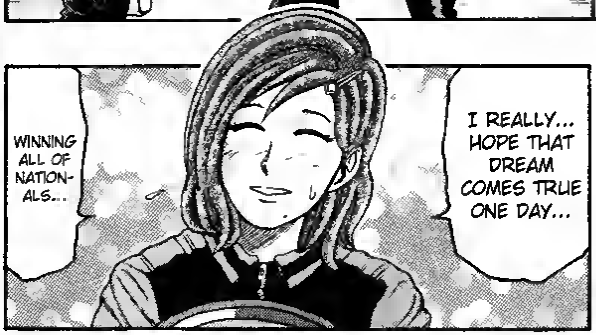
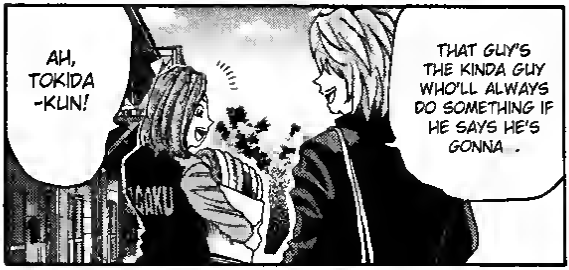

OKAY, FINE. FOR NOW, JUST HURRY AND GET READY.
Mmmm, well, I won't deny that I've got a touch of love fever.
M.....
FIRST YEARS HAVE A LOT 'A WORK!
And I could really use some help!

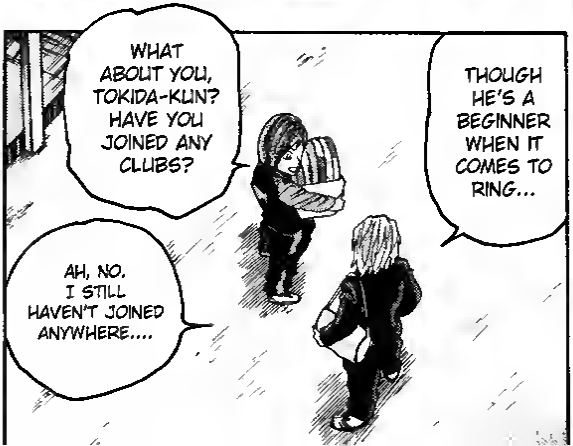
!!!!!
S... SUMMER-KUN...
I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED... BY WHAT YOU JUST SAID...
HUH...?





T/N: KOUSHIEN STADIUM IS WHERE THE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL NATIONALS ARE HELD.





NOBUMI!
HUHU

AH.
I THINK IT'S TIME YOU PUT AN END TO THIS VAIN STRUGGLE OF YOURS, ASUKA.
WHAT'S THAT NOOOOW? INVITING PEOPLE AGAIN?
YAMAGAKU

THIS EVIL AURA...!
MU MU MU!

THE ERO-KAPPA HAS APPEARED ONCE AGAIN!!
UWAAA! IT IS! IT'S HERE!

SPX SO~~~
COULDN BE...

SPX PIKU
Muh

MUST BE TOUGH BEING ON SUCH AN UNPOPULAR TEAAAAM, ASUKA... HUHU.
I HEARD THERE ARE ONLY 6 NEW PEOPLE JOINING THE RING TEAM THIS YEAR, IS THAT RIGHT?

FORGET NATIONALS, YOU MIGHT END UP NOT HAVING ENOUGH PLAYERS TO HOLD A MATCH SOON---- HUHU... AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF YOUR DREAM.

WHAT'S THE RESULT OF ALL YOUR FRANTIC INVITING. DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT THE CLUB'S FUTURE AT THIS POINT?

BUT I THINK EVERYONE THAT'S JOINED THIS YEAR HAS "ENTHUSIASM"... AND I'M SURE IF WE KEEP WORKING HARD, WE'LL GATHER MORE PEOPLE...!

TH... THAT ISN'T SO..... I MEAN, SURE WE HAVEN'T GOT THAT MANY NEW MEMBERS.....

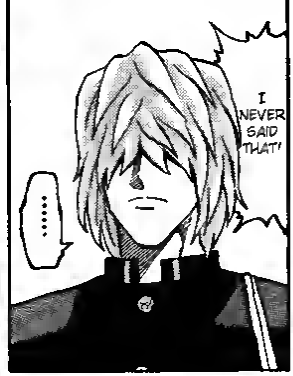
WH... WHAT...? I WOULD NEVER SAY THAT I WOULD QUIT...

DIDN'T YOU SAY BEFORE THAT YOU'D TAKE RESPONSIBILITY BY QUITTING...?

HUHU... I SEE. SAYS YOU... THEN GATHER 10 MEMBERS OR MORE IN THE WEEK-LONG PROVISIONAL CLUB ENROLLMENT PERIOD!

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, THEN QUIT THE RING TEAM, ASUKA...

HM?
UMMMM, EXCUSE ME...
TOKIDA -KUN...


I NEVER SAID THAT!
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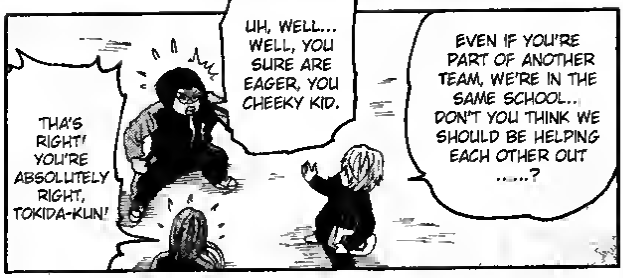
BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD THING TO BE PUTTING DOWN PEOPLE'S DREAMS...
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE GOING SO FAR TO SPEAK BADLY OF THE RING TEAM, NOBUMI-SAN...

THAT NOBUMI HAS THE WORST PERSON-ALITY!
And her face is scary
GEEZ... WHA'S WITH HER? I JUST ..... I NEVER SAID A SINGLE THING ABOUT ME QUITTING...
...WHY'S THERE SUCH AN AURA OF ANIMOSITY WITH THAT PERSON?

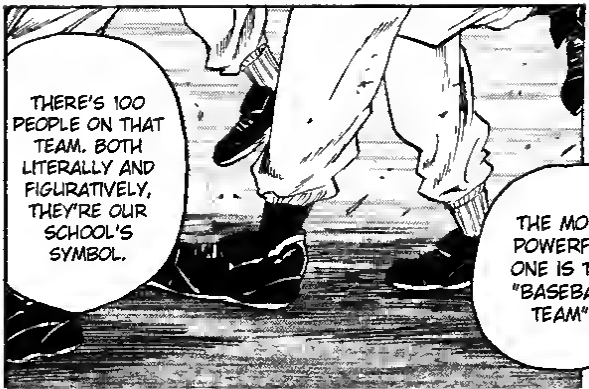

THA'S RIGHT! YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, TOKIDA-KUN!
UH, WELL... WELL, YOU SURE ARE EAGER, YOU CHEEKY KID.
EVEN IF YOU'RE PART OF ANOTHER TEAM, WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL... DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE HELPING EACH OTHER OUT .....?

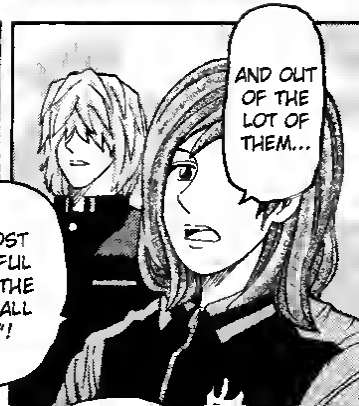
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU'VE GOT A WEEK FROM NOW..... HUHU.
HMPH... THEN YOU'D BETTER WORK REALLY HARD.

GYU
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE RIVALS WITH THE TEAMS OF THE SAME SCHOOL BEFORE THEY'RE RIVALS TO THE OTHER SCHOOLS
HM~~~~... IT'S NOT JUST NOBUMI. THE CLUBS IN THIS SCHOOL DON'T REALLY GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER VERY WELL...

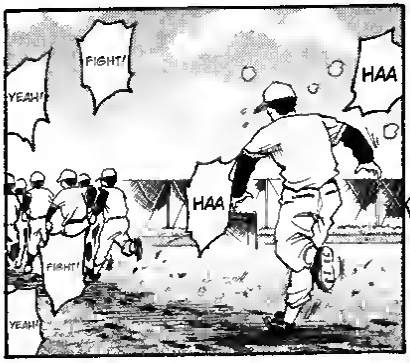
LET'S GET GOING, SUMMER!
OKAY!

SUM-MER?
HUH?
HM...


THERE'S 100 PEOPLE ON THAT TEAM. BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, THEY'RE OUR SCHOOL'S SYMBOL.


AND OUT OF THE LOT OF THEM...
THE MOST POWERFUL ONE IS THE "BASEBALL TEAM"!

FIGHT!
YEAH!
YAMA-GAKU
YEAH!
FIGHT!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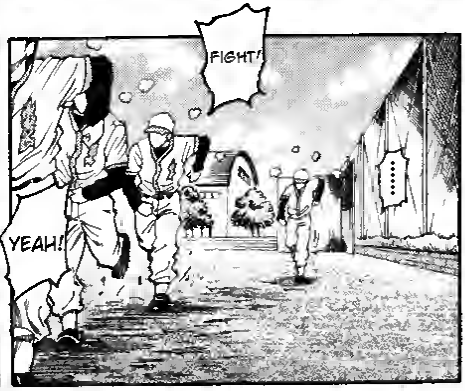
FIGHT!
YEAH!
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GAH
HEY!
!

UWAAH ?!
GUIH!

HAA
HAA

HOW 'BOUT YOU JUST JOIN FOR A WEEK FOR THE PROVISIONAL PERIOD?

I KNOW A GREAT TEAM!

UH.....? .....NO.....

I KINDA DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP IT UP.

LOOKS LIKE A LONG, TOUGH PRACTICE, HU~~~H?

...HUH?

CRIME SCENES?

IT'LL BE GREAT. JUST C'MON! AND WE'VE GOT MORE CRIME SCENES TO GET TO

UH, REALLY WANNA PLAY BASEBALL ...

IT'S FI~~NE, IT'LL BE FI~~NE!

H... HOLD ON..

THAT'S WEIRD...

HM~~

2 WEEKS LATER—

AH!

SUM-MER!

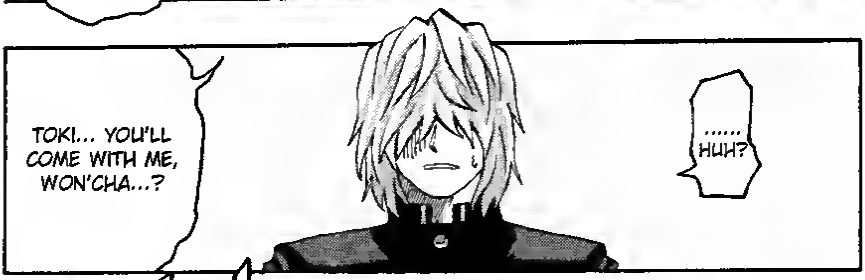
TOKI, I FOU~~ ~~ND YOU!

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN...?

I CAME TO SEE HIM PRAC-TICE...

WHERE'D SUMMER GET OFF TO?

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE, SUMMER?!
HUH?!
YEAH..... THOSE JUDO TEAM GUYS ARE REALLY STRONG, I GUESS.....
OWW...
IT WAS REALLY HARD TO GET ANY OF 'EM TA COME WITH ME...


TOKI... YOU'LL COME WITH ME, WON'CHA...?
.....HUH?

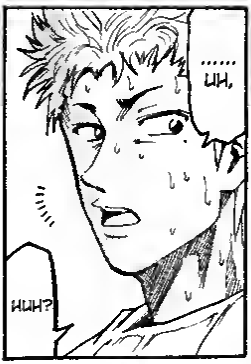
SFX ZURARI
ズラリ
HM...?
OOOOOKAY! 1ST AND 2ND YEARS, GATHER 'ROUND!!
OKAY!

HEY, MANAGER, ARE THESE ALL THE FIRST YEARS THIS YEAR?

AH... Y...YES. UM... I GOT 6 PEOPLE.

AS OF NOW...

SO FEW!!!!



THE FIRST YEAR HANAGATA NATSU AND HIS COMRADES HAVE ARRIVED!!

I'M THE GUY WHO'S GONNA LEAD THE RING TEAM TO 'CONQUER NATIONALS'!!

SFX DOOOOOON

SUMMER-KUN!

.....

WHERE'D YA GO?

AAAAH, SUMMER!

WHO'RE THEY...?

AIN'T THEY FIRST YEARS IN OTHER CLUBS?

WHO UH... ARE THOSE GUYS?

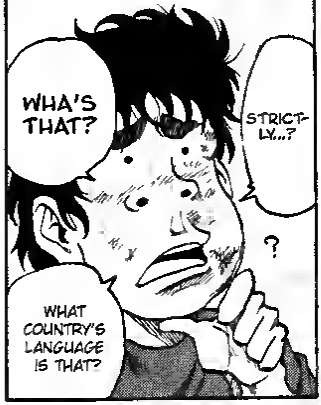
THEY SAID THEY'VE JUST GOTTA GIVE THIS UNKNOWN SPORT A TRY!

YEAH, THEY ALL USED TO BE IN OTHER CLUBS, BUT...

WE NEVER SAID ANY OF THAT...

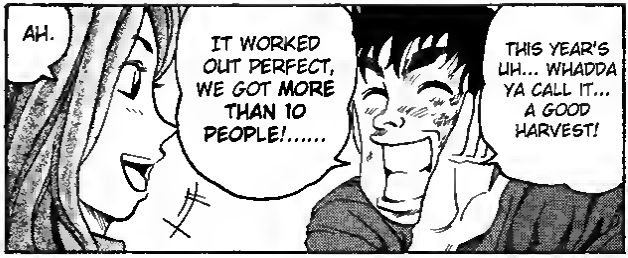
THE GUY THAT SCORED THAT MIRACLE GOAL...

A... AREN'T... YOU.....


WHA'S THAT?
STRICTLY...?
?
WHAT COUNTRY'S LANGUAGE IS THAT?

THAT'S STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AT THIS SCHOOL...!!
YOU'RE NOT SAYING THAT YOU..... FORCED PEOPLE FROM OTHER TEAMS TO COME HERE?!

GO MAKE FULL USE OF OUR ROOMS!!
OKAY, EVERYBODY! FOR NOW, CHANGE CLOTHES!!
I'VE GOTTA GO AROUND TO THE OTHER TEAMS AND APOLOGIZE ... LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A REAL PROBLEM CHILD ON OUR HANDS AGAIN THIS YEAR...
AW... GEEZ... NOW I'VE GOT EVEN MORE CRAP TO TAKE CARE OF
NO NEED TO BE BASHFUL!!


AH.
IT WORKED OUT PERFECT, WE GOT MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE!.....
THIS YEAR'S UH... WHADDA YA CALL IT... A GOOD HARVEST!

!
I KNEW YOU WERE SOMETHIN', SENPYAI! ♡

TOKI (VICTIM) THAT ENDED UP JOINING THE TEAM IN ALL THE CONFUSION.
HM-----... GEEZ, SUMMER..... IS THAT WHAT YOU DID...?

A SCHOOL WHERE SPORTS ARE TRADITIONALLY POPULAR THAT IS KNOWN AS A BIG-TIME SPORTS SCHOOL FOR HAVING MANY TEAMS THAT HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

FIGHT!

AY!

YAMA-GAKU~~~~ FIGHT!

YAMAGAWA ACADEMY (GAKUEN) HIGH SCHOOL--

AY!

OPPO-SITE SIDE!

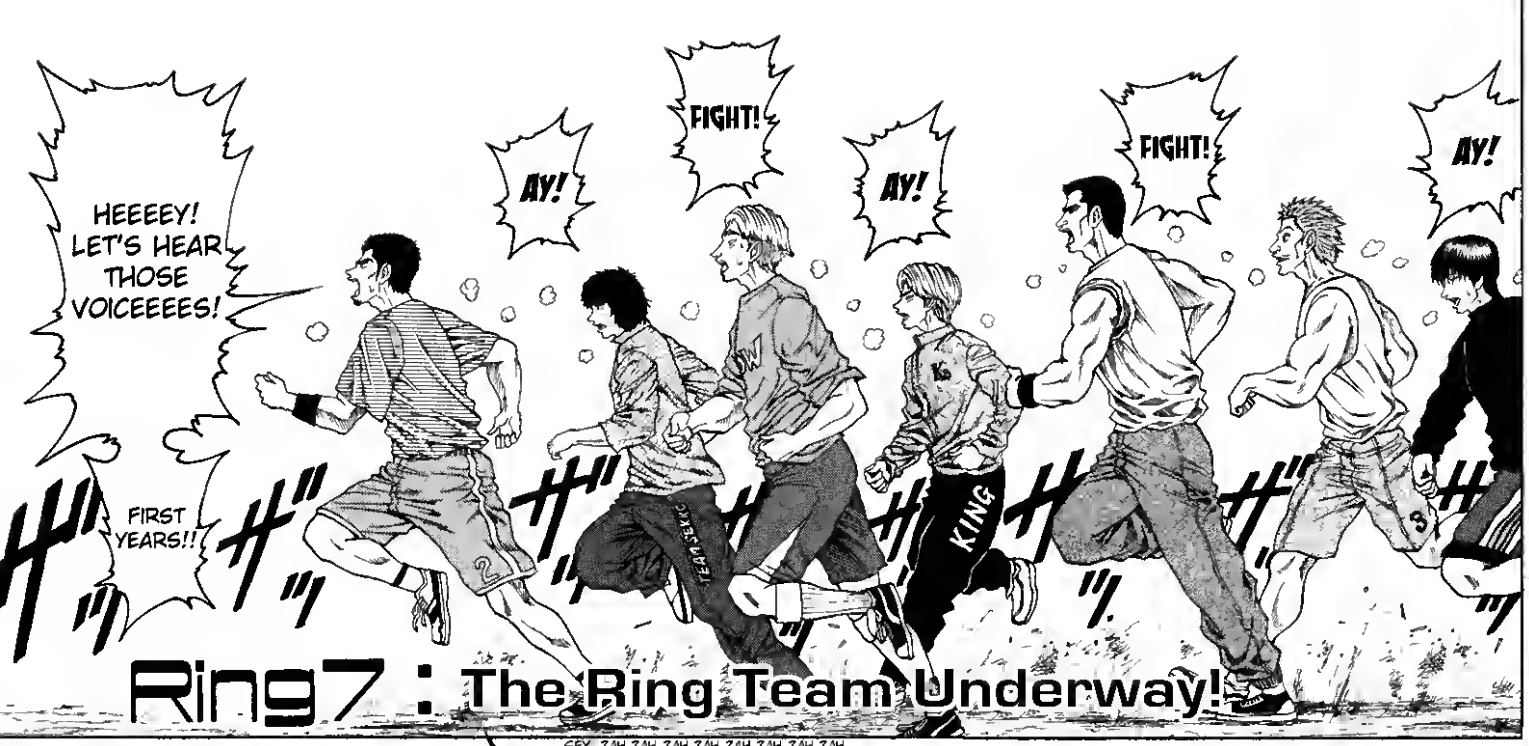
BEHIND, BEHIND!

Ring7 : The Ring Team Underway!

BUT WITHIN THAT PRESTIGIOUS SPORTS SCHOOL, THERE WAS ONE TEAM THAT HAD NOT PRODUCED A SINGLE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT.....

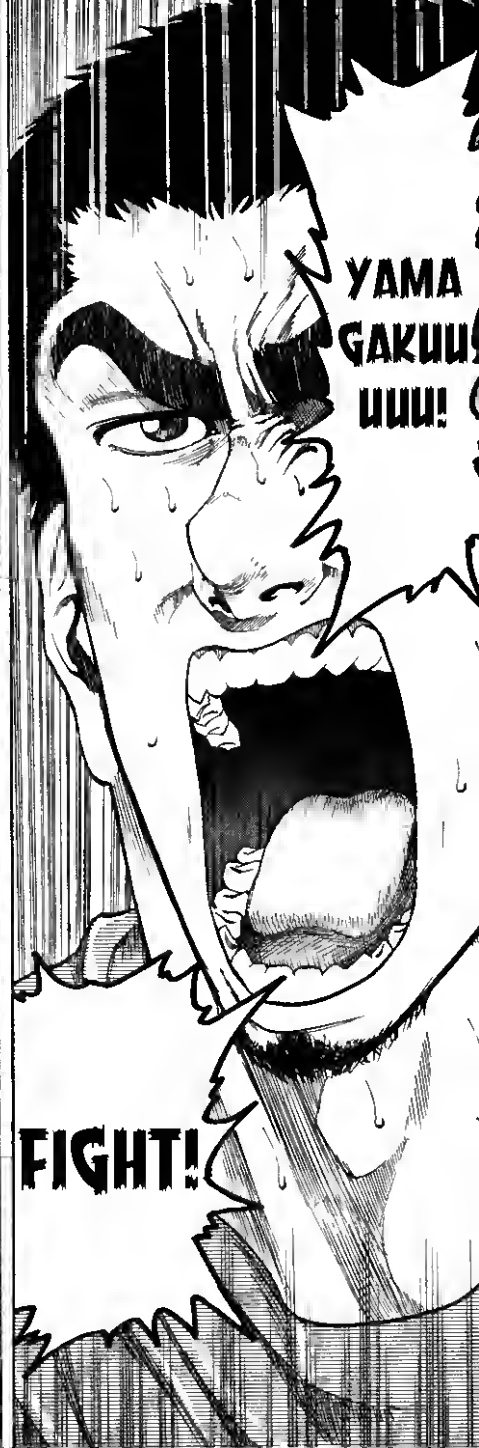
HAVE ACHIEVED NATIONAL CONQUEST MANY TIMES IN THE PAST.

NO ONE CAN ARGUE THAT MOST OF THE SPORTS TEAMS ARE REGULARS AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, BUT AMONG THEM, THE BASEBALL TEAM AND THE SOCCER TEAM



Ring7 : The Ring Team Underway!

SFX: ZAH ZAH ZAH ZAH ZAH ZAH ZAH ZAH



KEEP IT UP!

LAST LAP!

THE FINAL SPRINT!!

OKAY, TIME FOR

PAN!

ASHUKA -SENPAI! ♡

HAH!

SFX: DAH

OKAY!

ALL RIIIGHT!

SFX: DAH!!

MU

UOH!

WATCH MY DANDY RUNNING!!

PLEASE WATCH ME, ASHUKA-SENPAI! ♡

WHAT A DANDY!

SFX: ZUKYAN

SFX: PURU PURU (SHAKING)

!

YAMAGAK

WHAT... YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT?

I... I THOUGHT YOU ONLY HAD 6 PEOPLE...

WHY ARE ALL THOSE 1ST YEARS ON THE RING TEAM...?

THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!

WELL, WE DID.

AH, NOBUMI!

IT... IT CAN'T BE...

I THINK THEY'RE HIS FRIENDS 'ER SOMETHING.....

ONE'VE OUR 1ST YEARS, HANAGATA-KUN, BROUGHT 'EM.

AND THEN YOU QUIT, TOO, ASUKA.

NOBODY LIKE THAT'S GONNA LAST. I GUARANTEE THEY'LL QUIT BEFORE LONG.

Fuhahaha

I'LL BET HE JUST BRIBED THEM OR SOMETHING. (LIKE WITH PORNO MAGS OR SOMETHING)

EVERY-BODY'S OUT THERE GIVIN' IT THEIR ALL!

HOW RUDE!

AND WHY DO I HAVE TA QUIT, TOO?

!

THAT CLUMSY, CHEEKY ONE...

OH~~~~? HANAGATA, YOU SAY? THAT SHITTY LITTLE BRAT...

HMPH!

I'M FI~~~~ ~~RST!!

GGO~~ ~~~~AL!

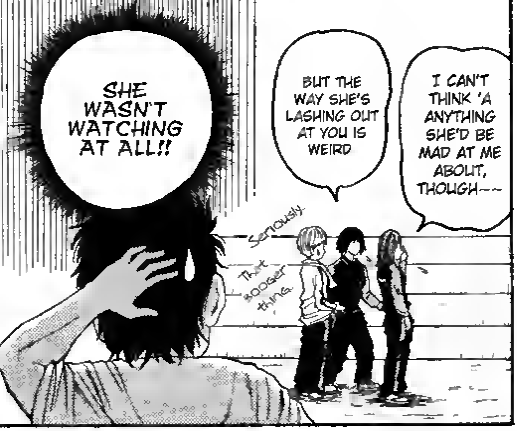
SHE FLICKS BOOGERS AT ME FROM BEHIND DURING CLASS 'N STUFF, TOO, THAT NOBUMI...

HM~~ MAYBE ..

ASUKA..... DOES NOBUMI HAVE SOME GRUDGE AGAINST YOU OR ANYTHING?

No way.

DOES SHE REALLY HAVE SOMETHIN' AGAINST ME...?

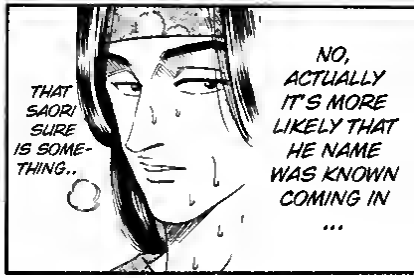


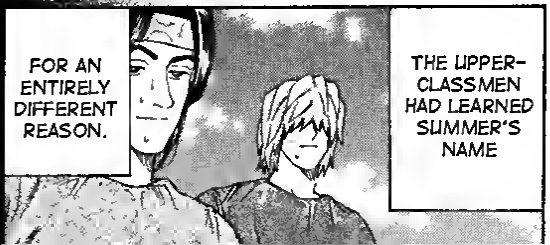
BIBS... NORMALLY THIS WORD MEANS SOMETHING WORN ON THE FRONT TO PROTECT ONE'S CHEST FROM DROOL. BUT IN SOCCER AND SUCH SPORTS, IT'S USED TO DETERMINE WHICH PLAYERS ARE ON ONE'S OWN TEAM.

BUT WHEN THEY DO, THAT'S A SIGN THAT THEY ANTICIPATE THEY'LL SOON BE AN ASSET.

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, APRIL, THERE AREN'T MANY 1ST YEARS THAT THE UPPERCLASSMEN WILL REMEMBER THE NAMES OF.

TO THE OTHER 1ST YEARS, THEY HAVE A TYPE OF RESPECT AS WELL AS A BIT OF JEALOUSY.





AND THE NEXT DAY——

THAT HAD GOTTEN THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY EXCITED.

FIRST IT WAS THAT RING MATCH WITH SAORI

THERE'S GOTTA BE A LOT OF 1ST YEARS ALREADY THINKIN' ABOUT QUITTING 2-3 DAYS IN.

SOOOO THAT MEANS

MOST NEWBIES TO THE SPORTS TEAM QUIT WITHOUT EVEN MAKIN' IT A MONTH.....

THAT MISUGI GUY SAID, RIGHT?

CAUSE OF HOW HARD THE PRACTICE IS.....

I ROUNDED THEM UP!

SSSO?

U... UHUH...

SUMMER HAD DIRECTLY LURED OUT THE 1ST YEARS FROM OTHER TEAMS THAT LOOKED LIKE THEY WOULD BE QUITTING SOON.

SFX: OOOOO

AND SOMEHOW ACTUALLY WON.....

おぉおぉ

IN THE PROCESS OF THAT, SUMMER PICKED A FIGHT WITH THE JUDO CLUB CAPTAIN (A JUDO 2-DAN)

DAAAH

AND SO...

SUMMER'S NAME BECAME EVEN MORE WELL KNOWN...

HEY, KEN IT'S OKAY, YOU DON'T NEED TO GIVE BACK OUR 1ST YEARS! PLEASE, JUST GIVE US SUMMER!

It'll be a trade!!

That guy's gonna be big!

AND WHEN THE RING TEAM CAPTAIN, OOTAKE KEN, WENT TO APOLOGIZE, THEY TOLD HIM THIS.

YOU'RE THAT GUY THAT *USED* TO BE ON THE BASEBALL TEAM, RIGHT.. ..?

IT'S TOBA AND UH, *USED* TO. .?

Oh.

U-UM----, HANAGATA-KUN..

THAT SAORI, ALWAYS TRYING TA LOOK COOL.

SHIT. CHIE~~ ~~H...

SO THE PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT PERIOD IS OVER, RIGHT...? SO NOW..... YA KNOW.....

A... AFTER TODAY, IT'LL HAVE BEEN A FULL WEEK, SO.....

HUH, WHAT? I DIDN'T CATCH A WORD 'A THAT!!

AAAA AAH?

I THINK IT' ABOUT TIME I HEAD BACK TO THE BASEBALL...

WHAT THE HELL?! HOW'S THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?

WHAT FOREIGNER SAID THAT?!

PEOPLE WITH LOTS OF MOLES HAVE TALENT FOR RING!

A CERTAIN FOREIGNER ONCE TOLD ME...

SFX: HISO HISO (WHISPERING)

UH..... WELL, SURE, BUT.....

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF MOLES ON YOUR FACE.. HAVEN'T YOU?

OH, TOBA-KUN, SEEING YOU UP CLOSE LIKE THIS ..

YOU REMEMBER THE PACE THEY HAD YOU RUNNING AT, RIGHT? THAT WAS CRAZY, RIGHT? THAT WAS LIKE TRAINING FOR THE ANCIENT SPARTANS!

HEY, TOBA, TRY AND THINK BACK... TO THAT BASEBALL TEAM'S PRACTICE...

TANABE~~~, IT'S STILL WAY TOO SOON FOR THA~~~T!

JUST HANG IN THERE ANOTHER 5 YEARS

MY NAME'S SUZUKI.

U-UM~~~ HANAGATA-KUN... I THINK I KINDA WANNA GET BACK TO THE KENDO TEAM..

UH..... IS THAT SO~~~

SO HOW ABOUT A LITTLE MORE PHYSICAL PREPARATION WITH THE RING TEAM?

JUST ANOTHER 3 YEARS OR SO.

3 YEARS?

I'M SURE EVEN IF HE WENT BACK NOW, YOU COULDN'T KEEP UP...

AN INTRA-SQUAD GAME!

OOOOKAY! WE'RE HAVING A MATCH TODAY!

A MATCH ....?!

!!

HUH?!

THIS IS MY CHANCE! MY CHANCE TO SHOW SOME REAL FINE PLAYS TO ASHUKA-SENPAI! THIS IS MY CHANCE!

SO I WANT A LITTLE SELF-INTRODUCTION FROM ALL OF YOU. FIRST, THE 1ST YEARS.

BUT BEFORE THAT, WE'VE GOT ABOUT ALL THE 2ND AND 3RD YEARS HERE TODAY,

STARTING WITH SUMMER!

SFX: HAYAAAAA

はやあああああ

IT'S HERE!!

THE MOMENT'S FINALLY COOOOOME!!

STARTING WITH SUMMER!!

PLEASE, GAZE UPON ME WITH THOSE BEAUTIFUL EYES.....

?

ASHUKA-SENPAI

STARTING WITH SUMMER!

I'M 1ST YEAR, CLASS 3, NUMBER 18, HANAGATA NATSU! UHHHHH, I'M 88 CENTIMETERS TALL!!

WE DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT.

MY FAVORITE IDOL IS IN YEAR 2, CLASS 3...

WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT, EITHER. OKAY, NEXT!

HEH?

WHAT?

SELF-INTRO-DUCTION.

Hurry it up

AH... OKAY!

HERE GOES, MY SELF-INTRO-DUCTION!

DO YOU HAVE ANY RING EXPERI-ENCE?

HM... OKAY, TOKIDA,

MY NAME'S TOKIDA KYOSHIROU..... MY HEIGHT IS

I'M IN THE SAME CLASS, 1ST YEAR CLASS 3.

I have so much more to tell

NO WAAAY! DID YOU NEED TO BE SO BRUTAL ABOUT IT?

I SAID FORGET YOUR HEIGHTS!

We said that's enough

SO WORK HARD.

YES, SIR!

OKAY, NEXT!

I SEE.. WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY PLAYERS SO EVEN IF YOU'RE A BEGINNER, IF YOU WORK HARD YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE AT BECOMING A REGULAR.

I PLAYED BASKETBALL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

AH, NO.

I'M YEAR 1 CLASS 3, MISUGI REI.
I WAS ON MY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S RING TEAM.
MY POSITION WAS FORWARD.
OH... SO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE? SOUNDS GOOD.
UH... WHAT'S THAT THING WRAPPED AROUND YOUR WASTE...? A WIG?
AH ...
SORRY, THIS IS MY HAIR...
NO WAY!
IT'S SO LONG!!!!
HUH? THAT'S SERIOUSLY YOUR REAL HAIR?
YER KIDDIN'!?
COULD YOU UNRAVEL IT A BIT?
HOW MANY METERS LONG IS IT?!
SAY, HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU CUT THAT?!
UH..... I'VE ACTUALLY NEVER ONCE HAD IT CUT.....
IT'S KINDA... THE RELIGION IN MY HOUSE....
COULD WE MOVE ON?
SFX: OOOOOOO ZAWA ZAWA ZAWA ZAWA
NO WAAAAY! YOU'VE NEVER ONCE HAD IT CUT?!
WHAT SORTA RELIGION IS THAT?!
IS EVERYBODY'S HAIR LONG IN YOUR FAMILY?
MAN, YOU GUYS MUST SPEND A FORTUNE ON SHAMPOO!!
AH... YEAH UH, COULD WE GO TO THE NEXT GUY NOW...?
THIS IS KINDA
DO YOU RUN OUT OF SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER AT DIFFERENT RATES?
I'LL BET YOU USE WAY MORE CONDITIONER WITH THAT!
Hey, hey!
HUH?!
....
SERIOUSLY ...

EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR REASONS FOR WHAT THEY DO, OKAY~~~~?!

ENOUGH ABOUT MY HAIR ALREADYYY !!

GEEZ!!

SFX: WUAAAH

MISUGI REI—— HE GOT ASKED ABOUT HIS HAIR SO MUCH, HE SNAPPED.....

THAT EXPLAIN EVERY-THING?

I WATER DOWN SHAMPOO TO SAVE MONEY!!

I GUESS IT'S ABOUT 2 METERS LONG?

I don't even know

SO AFTER THE PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT PERIOD, WE'VE GOT 15 GUYS, HUH.....? THAT'S A PRETTY RESPECTABLE NUMBER..!

WITH SAORI, THAT'S ALL THE 1ST YEARS ...

MAKE SURE YOU GIVE IT YOUR ALL, GUYS!

I'M FROM THE JUDO CLUB..

NISHIDA SHI-NOBU..

OKAY!

I'M A... RENTAL FROM THE KENDO TEAM.

I'M SUZUKI DAIGO.

I... I'M 1ST YEAR CLASS 7 TABA JYUNICHI ...

I... I'M A RENTAL FROM THE BASEBALL TEAM... RIGHT NOW ...

'SUP.

I'M THE CAPTAIN, OOTAKE KEN.

I said that, right?

WE HAVE 6 3RD YEARS IN TOTAL.

BUT IN TOTAL THERE ARE 4!

AS FOR 2ND YEAR, THERE'S ONE GUY WHO'S AT A YOUTH TRAINING CAMP SO HE'S NOT HERE,

NEXT IS THE MANAGERS!

WHAT'S THAT? IS THAT A BIG DEAL?

THERE'S AN ALL-JAPAN LEVEL ATHLETE HERE?

WOAH.

JUNIOR YOUTH!!

I'M ACTUALLY YOUSUKE'S OLDER SISTER, SO HEY THERE, TO LITTLE BROTHER AND ALL OF YOU...

UH, YES! I'M THE MANAGER, SAORI ASUKA.

HA!

AND THAT'S IT. WE'VE GOT A TOTAL OF 3 MANAGERS, ALL IN 2ND YEAR.

I'M KAWA-GUCHI.

I'M NAGAI! ♡

SFX: BISHI BISHI

IDIOT!!

DON'T STARE TOO MUCH, MORON!

'RE YOU AN IDIOT?!!

GYA

THEY'RE JUST NORMAL

NOPE

ARE THEY REALLY THAT CUTE?

BY THE WAY, THEY LOOK NORMAL TO PEOPLE IN THE SAME YEAR.

SFX: DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI SAWA SAWA

A SENPAI BE A MANAGER FOR SOME REASON HAS A LOT OF CHARM...

TO BE HONEST WITH YOU THERE'S ONE PERK HERE THE JUDO CLUB DOESN'T HAVE

Aw man

S-SO CU~~TE

NU?!

OBEY THE RULES, MAN!
Was it you?!
WHO WAS IT, DAMMIT?!
IT WAS YOU
SO PLEASE DON'T DO THAT AGAIN.
THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 2 PEOPLE THAT USED OUT RINGS WITHOUT ASKING THE OTHER DAY...
Also it was dumma class.
THERE'S SOME OTHER STUFF, BUT THE MANAGERS WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS.
OKAY, SO AS FOR THE 1ST YEARS' JOBS, AFTER PRACTICE YOU HAVE TO PUT AWAY THE GROUND'S MARKING TOOLS, WIPE THE RINGS, AND CLEAN UP THE POLL.
BUT THE RING TEAM HAS A SPECIFIC GREETING WE GIVE EACH OTHER.
ALSO, THIS VARIES FROM CLUB TO CLUB,
ALSO, DON'T CARRY OFF ANY OF THE TEAM'S STUFF.
TRY SAYING IT.
"IISSU"!
FOR THE 1ST YEARS, IT ALSO HAS THE MEANING OF 'IT'S OKAY TO SAY ANYTHING TO MY SENPAIS'.
THIS MEANS "GOOD", SO THE GOAL IS FOR YOU TO ALWAYS BE SAYING "LET'S DO WELL TODAY, TOO", AND "I'M IN A GOOD MOOD" THAT SORTA POSITIVE THING.
IISU.
GET IT?
IISU.
IISU
IYAA-SSU!!

SFX OOH

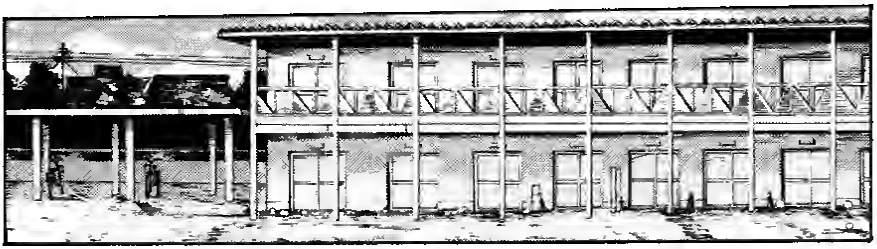
III-SSU!!

I'LL LEAD THE WAY!!

SUMMER

I'LL BE BLUNT, WE HAVE THE HIGH GOAL OF CONQUERING NATIONALS!! SO LET'S GET FIRED UP AND DO THIS!!

ALL RIGHT! AND LASTLY, I'M GOING TO STATE THIS YEAR'S GOALS!



ISSU!

AH .....

THANKS FOR THE HELP!

YOU JOINED, HUH?

HEY, SAORI!

!

HE SAID 2 DOZEN WAS GOOD, RIGHT.....?

UH...

AND THE BIBS...

I~~~~SSU!

IZUMI-SAN!

HM?

IIII-SSU!

A RANSOM!! SOMEBODY'S COME TO COLLECT A RANSOM!!

UWA~~~~

SCARY

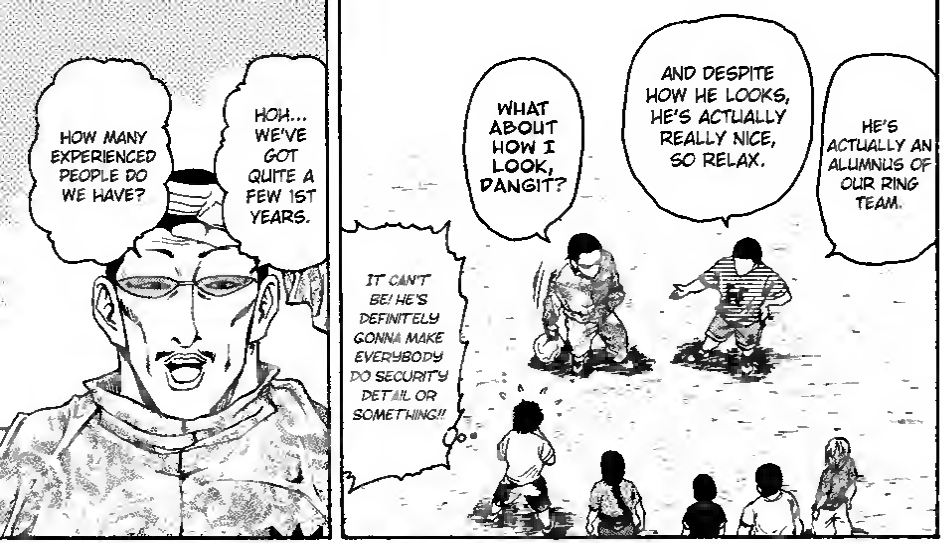
!..... !!SSU!

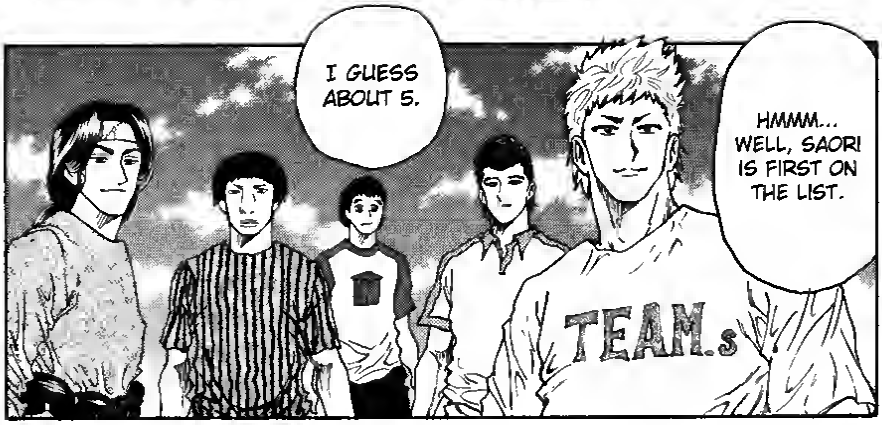
THAT'S THE SORT A GUY WHO'D HIT A CAR ON HIS OWN AND SAY 'DANG, MY NECK HU--RTS'!!

III-SSU!

ISSU!

THAT'S OUR COACH, IZUMI-SAN. GIVE HIM A GREETING!


HOW MANY EXPERIENCED PEOPLE DO WE HAVE?
HOH... WE'VE GOT QUITE A FEW 1ST YEARS.
WHAT ABOUT HOW I LOOK, DANGIT?
AND DESPITE HOW HE LOOKS, HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY NICE, SO RELAX.
HE'S ACTUALLY AN ALUMNUS OF OUR RING TEAM.
IT CAN'T BE! HE'S DEFINITELY GONNA MAKE EVERYBODY DO SECURITY DETAIL OR SOMETHING!!


I GUESS ABOUT 5.
HMMM... WELL, SAORI IS FIRST ON THE LIST.
TEAM.s

HM?
HEY, HOLD ON A SECOND, YASSAN!

YUMI, YOU GET 7 PEOPLE TOGETHER BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND YEAR.
AND I'LL JOIN THE 3RD YEAR TEAM...
THEN LET'S MAKE IT 1ST YEAR AND 2ND YEAR AGAINST THE 3RD YEAR IN THE SCRIMMAGE.
ISSU!
Make Seki do the refereeing!

MU.

THE SUPER ROOKIE, HANAGATA NATSU!

DID YOU FORGET SOMEBODY HERE?

HUHUH... I HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT YOU.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOMEBODY WE CAN EXPECT SOME FUN THINGS FROM... HUHU.

HAHAAAN... I SEE..... SO YOU'RE SUMMER, HUH?

NU...

!

HEH?

WATCH YOUR SENPAI CLOSELY FROM THE SIDELINES.

BUT FOR TODAY, JUST OBSERVE.

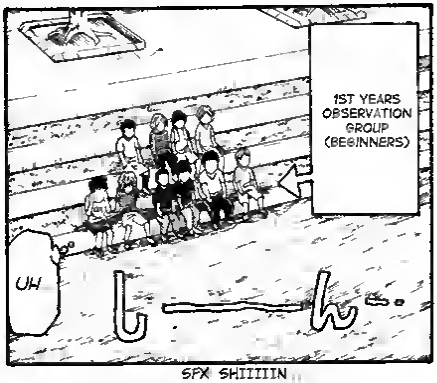
Since you're a beginner

A MATCH BETWEEN 3RD YEAR AND 1ST AND 2ND YEAR!!

ISSU!!

NOW THEN, WE WILL NOW BEGIN

SFX: PIIIH



SFX: SHIIIIIIN

SFX: NUUUUU

ASHUKA-SENPAI WAS JUST SHOWN A REALLY WEIRD PLAY!!

FIIIIGHT!

SHI...T! THIS LOOKS SO BAD!!

I BEAT HIM! SO WHY AM I NOT IN THE GAME?!!

That pisses me OFF!

AND WHY THE HELL DOES SAORI GET TO PLAY...?

WE KINDA NEED TO...

LEARN THE RULES, SUMMER.

WE'LL BE DOING 15-MINUTE HALVES!
SFX: DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI (HEARTBEAT)
WE'LL START WITH THE WHITE RING!
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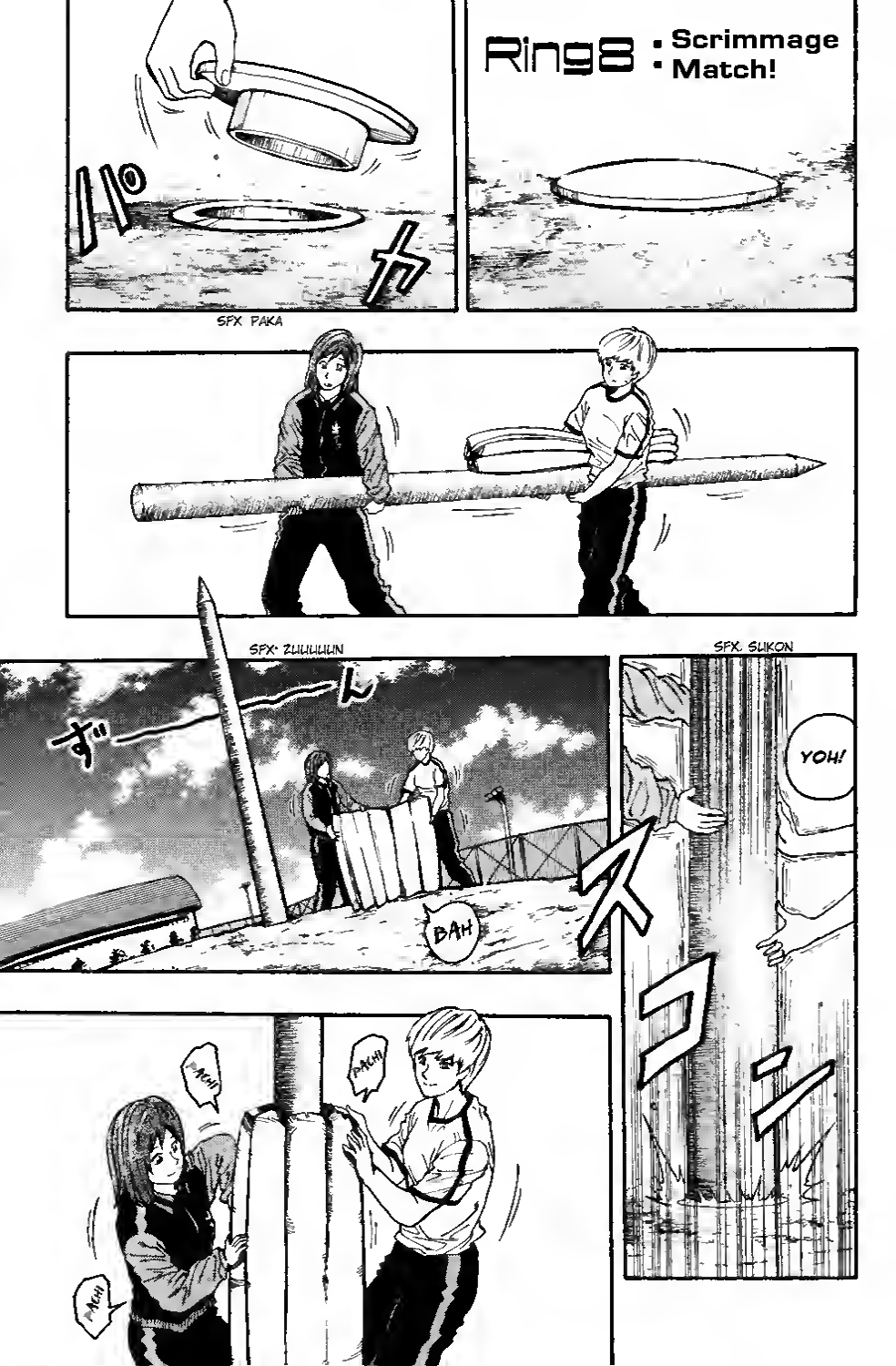
THIS "RING" MANGA I'M DRAWING MEANS A LOT TO ME. I'M OKAY IF IT DOESN'T SELL THAT MUCH, BUT I HOPE AT LEAST ONE COPY GOES ON SALE, EVEN IF IT'S IN HEAVEN.

'04.8.9. SHIMABUKURO.


Ring8 : Scrimmage Match!
SFX PAKA
SFX ZUUUUUN
SFX SUKON
YOH!
BAH
PACHI
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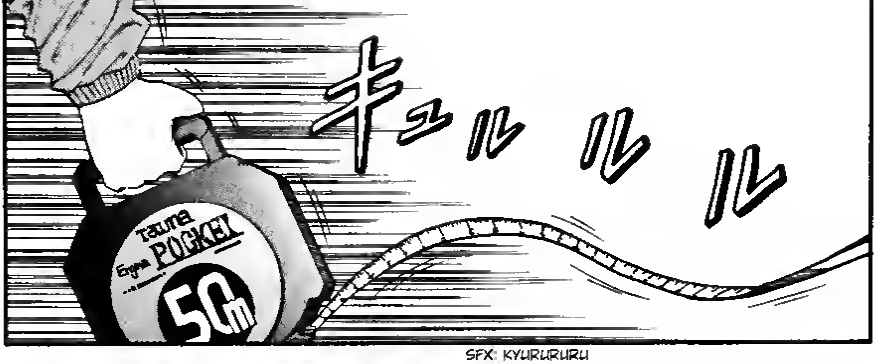
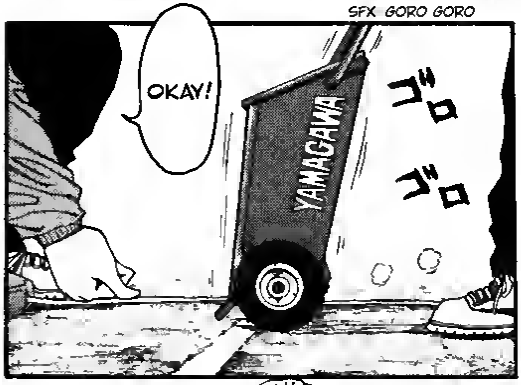
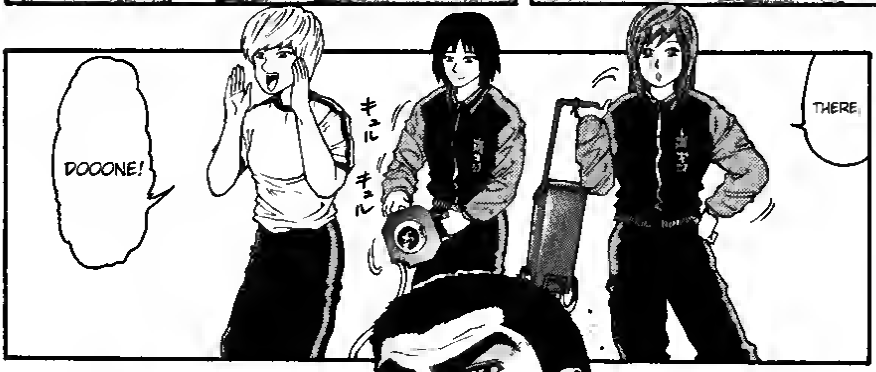


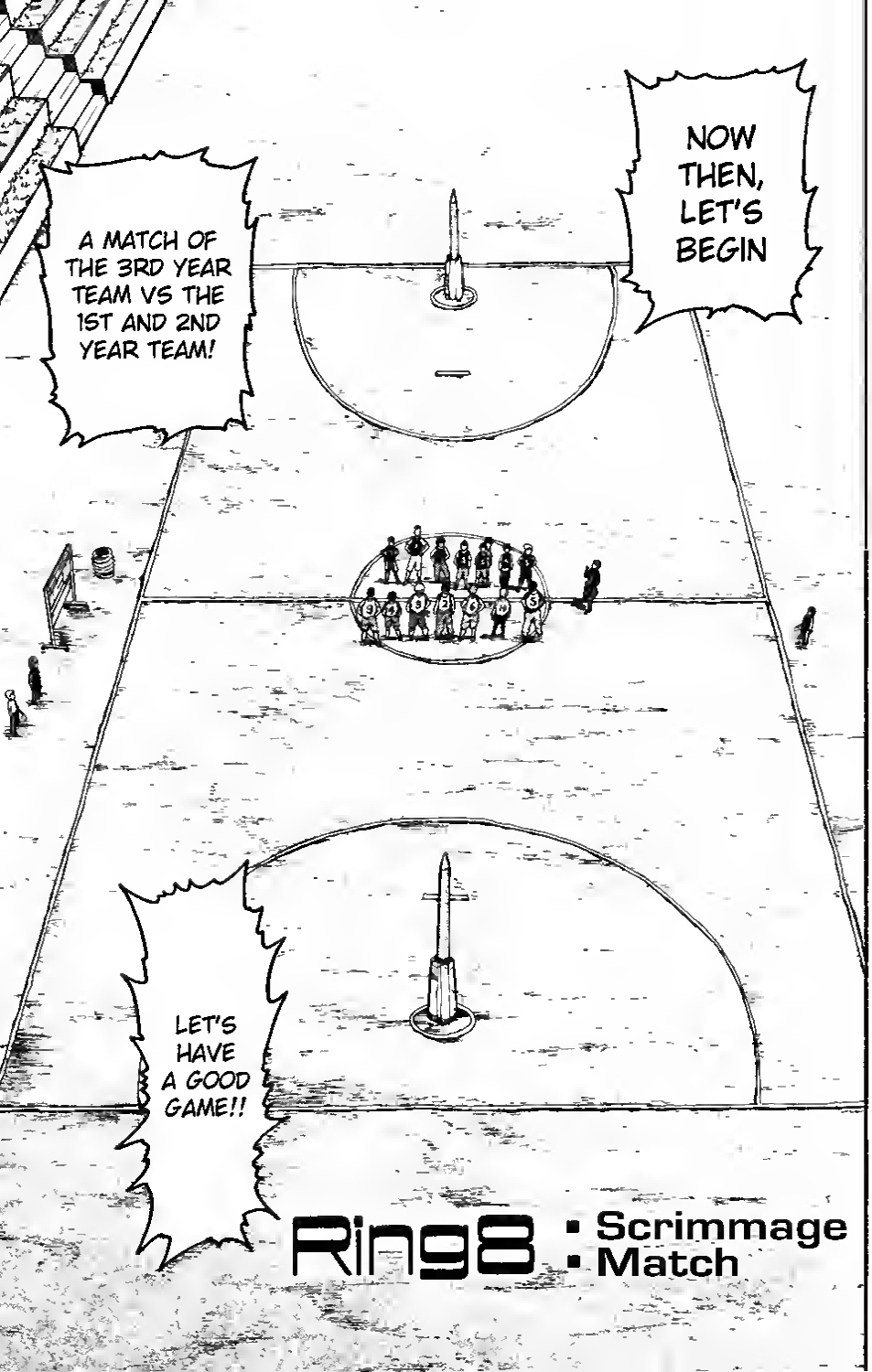
SFX: KYURURURU

SFX: GORO GORO



SFX: GORO GORO GORO (ROLLING)





Ring8 : Scrimmage Match

MAKE SURE YOU'RE CHECKING!!

DON'T HOLD BACK!

'LL RIGHT!

OOOOKAY! LET'S GET INTO THIS!!

LET'S MAKE IT A 10-POINT LEAD AFTER THE FIRST HALF!

3RD YEAR TEAM

I'LL MARK THE CAPTAIN, SO YOU GUYS STOP THAT YAKUZA GUY!!

The alumni one

HAAH

ANYHOW, LET'S KEEP OUR USUAL PLAYS IN MIND!!

.....

THEY SURE ARE TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY.....

UWA------ THE SENPAIS LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GETTING REALLY HYPED.

HM?

1ST-2ND YEAR TEAM

SFX: GAH

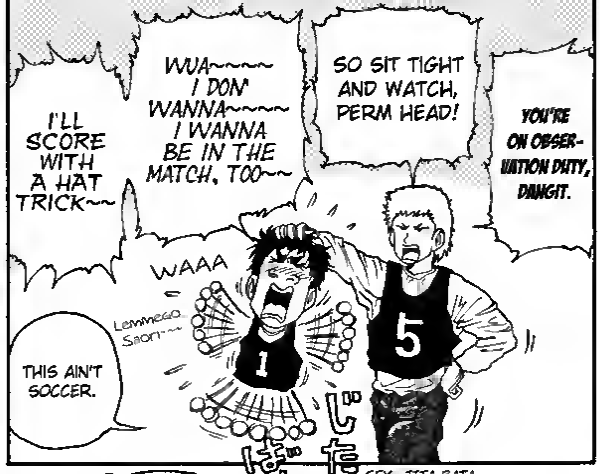
カッ!

WHY'RE YOU HERE?

AGAINST HIM, I PERMIT THE USE OF WEAPONS!!

GOT IT?!

Stuff like tonfa


I'LL SCORE WITH A HAT TRICK~~
WUA~~~~ I DON' WANNA~~~~ I WANNA BE IN THE MATCH, TOO~~
SO SIT TIGHT AND WATCH, PERM HEAD!
YOU'RE ON OBSER-VATION DUTY, DAMGIT.
WAAA
Lemmego Saon~~
THIS AIN'T SOCCER.
じたばた
SFX: JITA BATA

SO DON'T TIE ME UP, DAMMIT!!
JUST TAKE IT EASY AND WATCH FOR TODAY, SUMMER.
I'm not into that sorta thing!
AND THIS SEEMS LIKE A VERY TECHNICAL WAY TO TIE SOMEONE UP!!
.....
1ST YEAR OBSER-VATION GROUP——

SUMMER -KUN, I'LL TEACH YOU THE RULES
AS YOU WATCH THE MATCH,
OKAY?

G-GOD-DAMMI~~~T! THIS WASN' HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TA GO~~
HMPH TO THIS!
!
IT'S NO FUN WATCHING OTHER PEOPLE PLAY A GAME!

UWAH!
SAY AGAIN!
COULDJA SAY THAT JUST ONE MORE TIME?!
HAA
HAA

I'LL BE REAL GOOD AND WAAAATCH!
OO OO OO KAY!
SFX BAH

SO TAKE IT EASY AND WATCH THE MATCH.....
UH... ER... UM... I'LL TEACH YOU THE RULES...

WHITE STARTS WITH THE RING!!
OKAY, LET'S BEGIN!

IT'S LIKE HE'S IN KINDER-GARTEN...
.....

IN TERMS 'A SOCCER, IT'S LIKE A 'KICKOFF'.
THE WAY RING STARTS IS THE SAME AS HANDBALL. WITH A "THROW-OFF".
IT'S START-ING.
OH!
SFX: PIIIIII
ピーイイイイ
OOOKAY, LET'S GO!
SFX: BASH!
'KAY!
IT'S YOURS, KURI!
KING RING
SHU
KURITA KANAME (3RD YEAR)

MOVE UP THE FIELD, GUYS!

LET'S GET THE FIRST POINT!

ISSU!

MISUGI, YOU STAY IN FRONT!

SAORI! STICK TO THE CAPTAIN!

THEY PUT KURI-SAN, SOMEONE WITH A LOT OF MOMENTUM, IN THE COMMAND POSITION, HUH……?

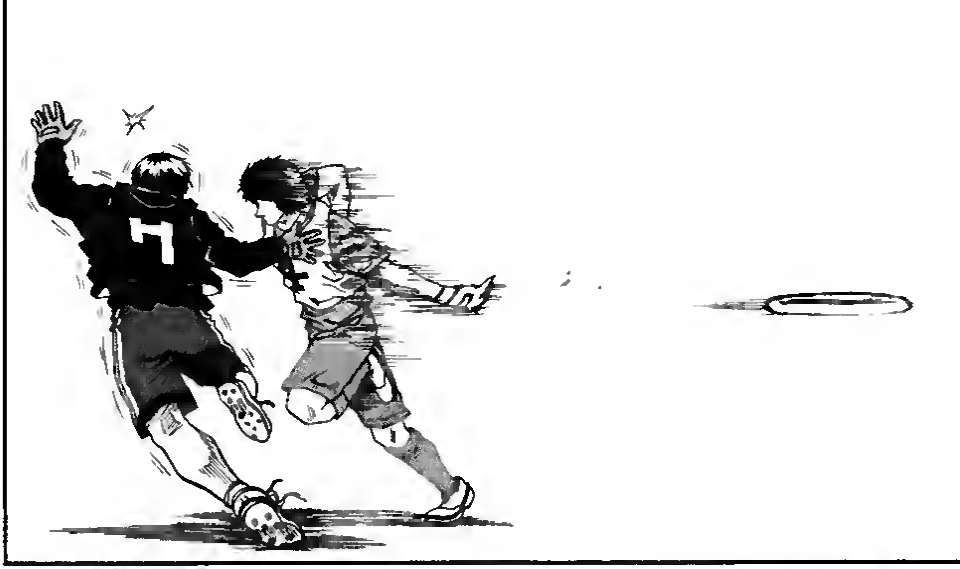
I'D LIKE TO PUT SAORI UP AGAINST HIM, BUT IT MIGHT BE TOO MUCH FOR HIM JUST YET…

HOHOH.

SO BASICALLY, YOU EITHER CARRY IT AND RUN OR YOU PASS IT.

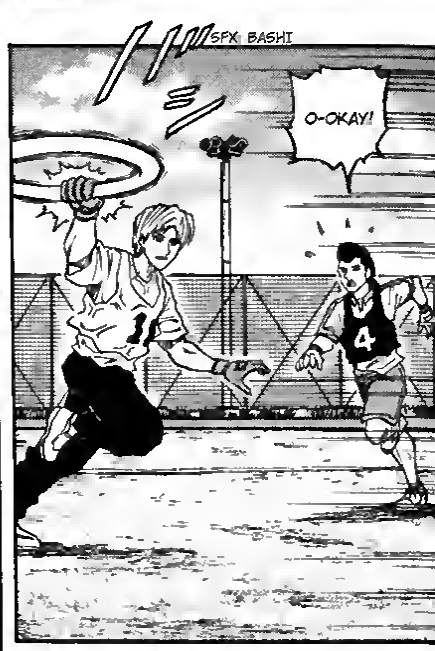
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO USE ANY PART OF YOUR UPPER BODY TO CARRY THE RING.

YUUMIN.
LET ME HAVE SAORI.
OR I'LL CALL YOU KUURIN, KURI-SAN.
QUIT IT WITH THE YUUMIN...
I'LL TAKE YOU ON.
I DON'T MIND.
YES, OKAY.

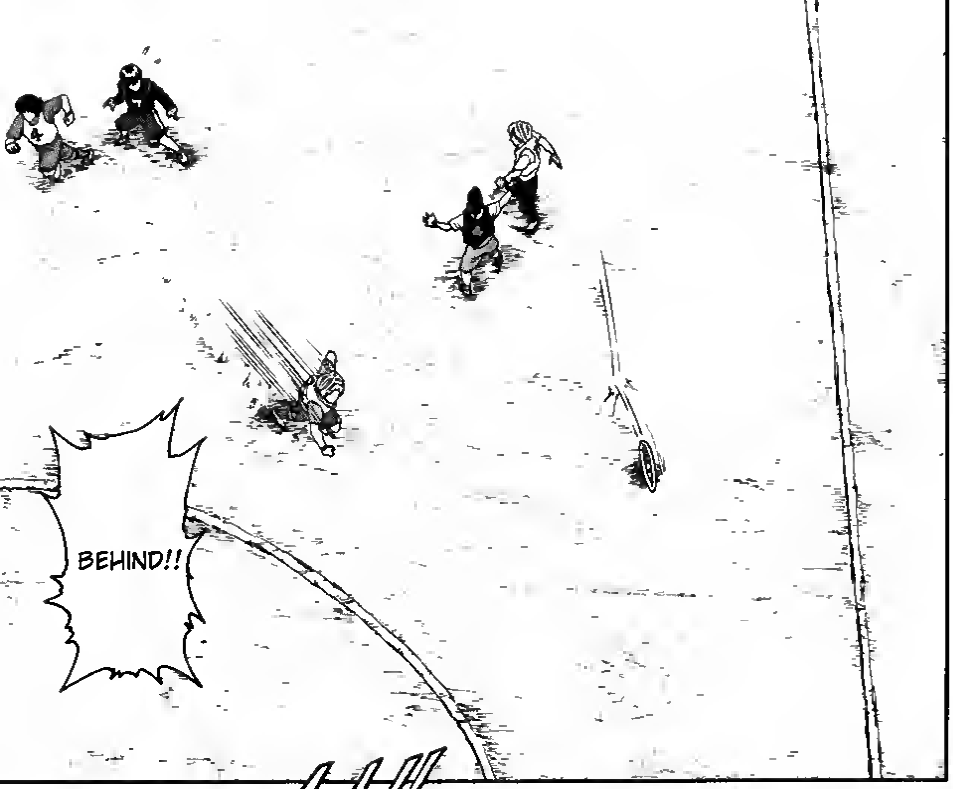


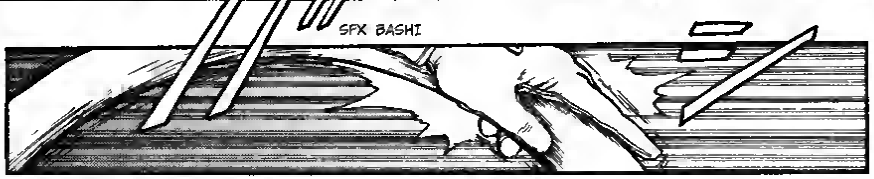
RIGHT SIDE CHECK!!

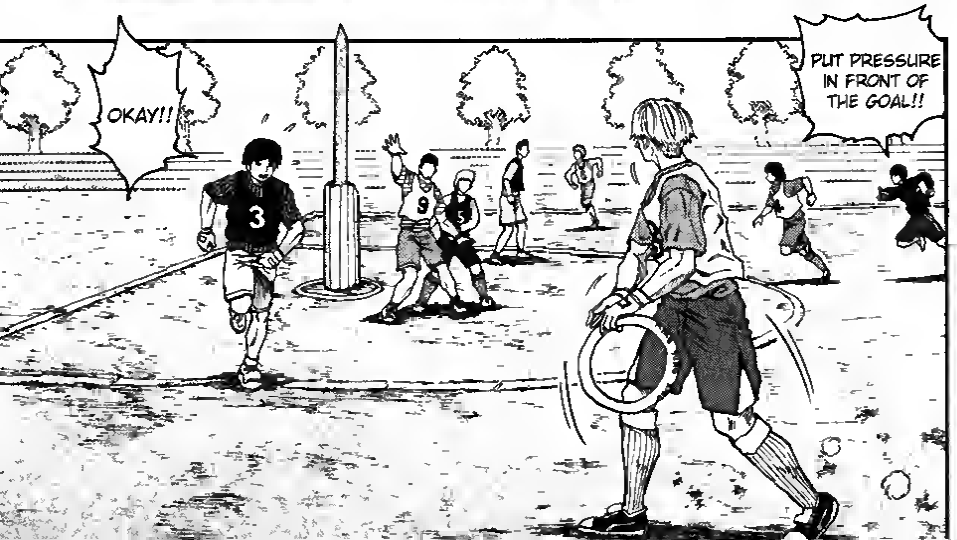
SFX: BIH


SFX: BASHI
O-OKAY!

AH!


BEHIND!!


SFX BASHI


OKAY!!
PUT PRESSURE IN FRONT OF THE GOAL!!
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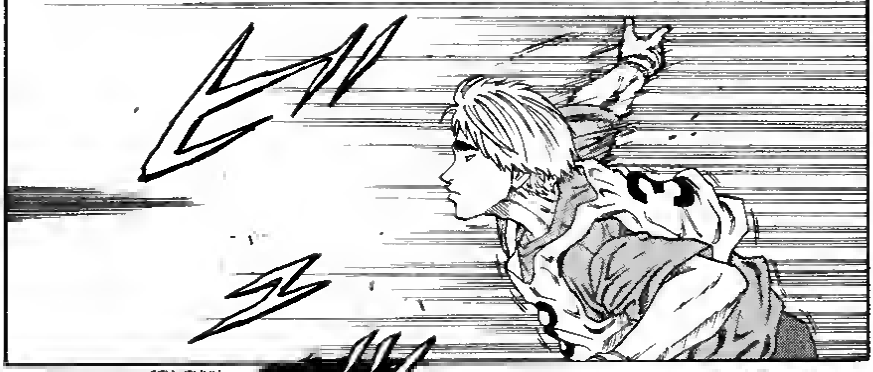

SFX: BYUH

SFX: GOH
HIH!

SFX: WAH
THE CAPTAIN'S ON THE SCENE!
YOU-SUKEE!!

SFX: GAH

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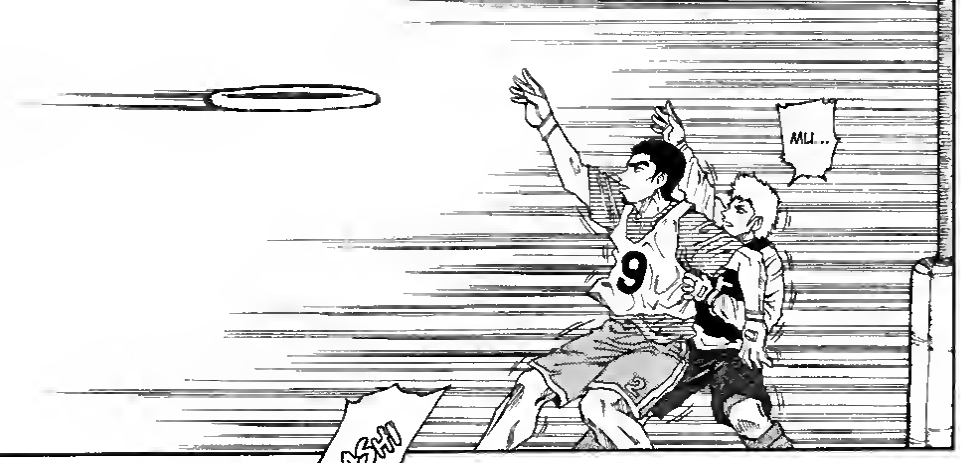


SFX: BIH

SFX: BASHIH

SFX: SHU

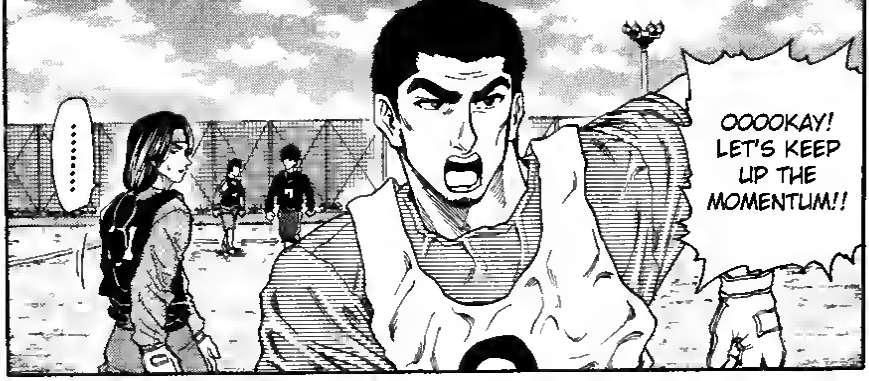
SFX: WAAAAA PIIIIH

UWAA! THEY SCOO-ORED!

GAH

YEAA-AAAH!

WE'VE ALREADY GOT THE FIRST POINT!!


.....
OOOOKAY! LET'S KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM!!

IT PROBABLY FELT LIKE THE PASS WENT THROUGH HIM.
FROM SAORI'S POINT OF VIEW

HE'S GOTTA HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WRIST STRENGTH FOR SUCH A QUICK RELEASE.
THAT WAS A CRAZY FAST SNAP PASS...

WOULD YOU SHUT IT AND JUST STICK TO OBSERVING!
PLAY RIGHT, DAMMIT!
HEEEEEEY! SAORIIIIII! DON'T GET BEAT THAT QUIIICK, BASTARD!

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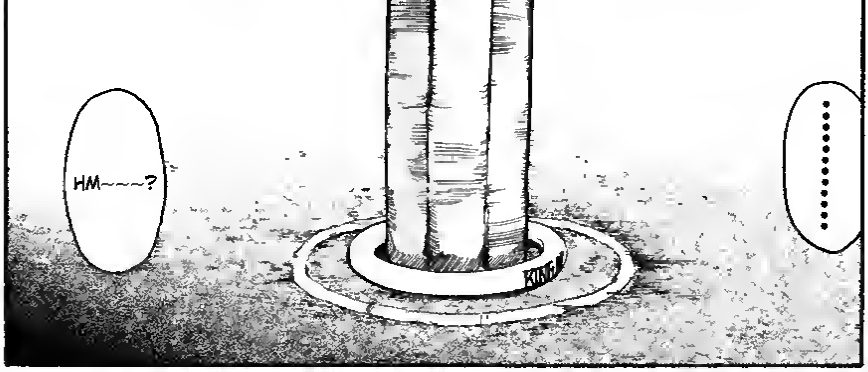
IS STILL HOLDING BACK...
IT ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE THAT SAORI GUY

HMM...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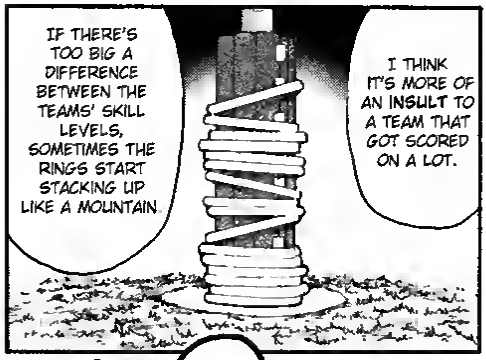
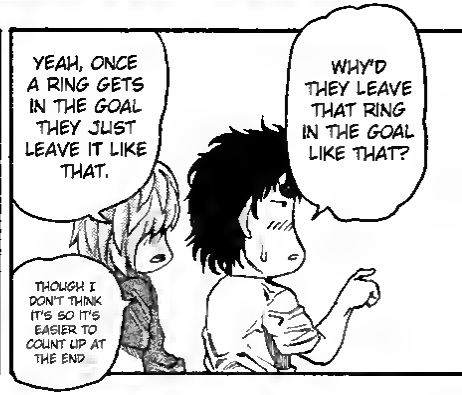
KIKI


IF THERE'S TOO BIG A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TEAMS' SKILL LEVELS, SOMETIMES THE RINGS START STACKING UP LIKE A MOUNTAIN.
I THINK IT'S MORE OF AN INSULT TO A TEAM THAT GOT SCORED ON A LOT.


YEAH, ONCE A RING GETS IN THE GOAL THEY JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THAT.
WHY'D THEY LEAVE THAT RING IN THE GOAL LIKE THAT?
THOUGH I DON'T THINK IT'S SO IT'S EASIER TO COUNT UP AT THE END.

SFX: PIIIIIH

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SFX: BASHI

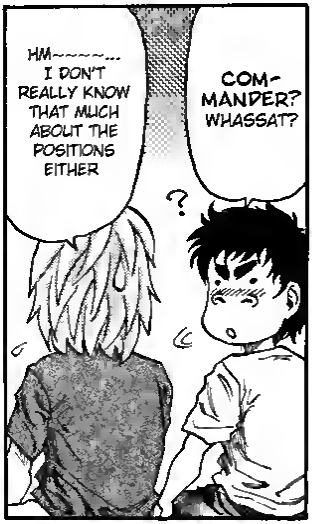
SFX: SHU

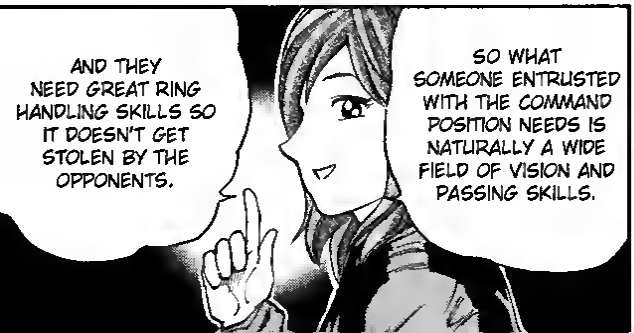
SFX: OOOOO

OF THE 1ST-2ND YEAR TEAM!!

OOOOH! NOW SAORI IS TAKING THE COMMANDER

OKAY, LET'S HEAR SOME VOICES, SAORI!





HM?!

SLIP IN FROM A HIGH POSITION!!

KEN! DO A PRESS, QUICK!!

ISHIGE AND KURI, FOLLOW HIM UP!!

KEEP MOVING AT FULL SPEED!!

IT'S ONLY 15 MINUTE HALVES!

UOH!

SFX: GAH

AH!

O... OKAY!

SAORI -KUN, BEHIND YOU!

1ST YEARS! FOLLOW FROM BEHIND!!

AND LET'S HEAR VOICES !!

SERI-OUSLY ...?

THEY'RE GONNA KEEP THIS UP FOR 15 MINUTES?

SFX: BASHI

……
WOAH!
BAST-ARD!
!
HELP!!
ALL RIGHT! HE'S SUR-ROUNDED!!
SFX: BA BAH

SHU RU RU RU
UOH!
SFX: BIH
UWAAA, INCREDIBLE!!
!?
THAT KURITA IS LIGHTNING FAAAAST!!

THE 3RD YEAR TEAM IS OVER-WHELMING!!

IT'S ONLY JUST STARTED! IT'S BEEN 2 MINUTES!

YEAH!

ALL RIIIGHT!

THAT'S 2 POINTS!

SFX. AAAA

THEY ACTUALLY MANAGED TO TAKE THE RING FROM SAORI.....

EVEN THOUGH IT TOOK TWO GUYS TO DO IT.....

A MAN THAT COULDN'T EVEN TOUCH IT.....

THIS IS PRACTI-CALLY BULLY-ING.

HEY, HEY, THE 3RD YEAR TEAM IS SERIOUS... THEY'RE NOT SHOWING A HINT OF MERCY.

A... AAH.....

MM...

IT'S FINE.

HUH?

Those feeble little 1st years

THAT CAPTAIN IS BEING TOO SERIOUS HERE.

AA~~~~ I FEEL BAD FOR YOUSUKE -KUN.

.....

THOUGH HE REALLY HATES LOSING SO HE'LL BE PLENTY FRUSTRATED.....

YOUSUKE'S PRETTY THICK SKINNED. SOMETHING LIKE THAT WON'T GET TO 'IM...

SO THAT KURI GUY IS THE ACE COMMANDER, HUH...?
T-THEY REALLY ARE GOOD.....

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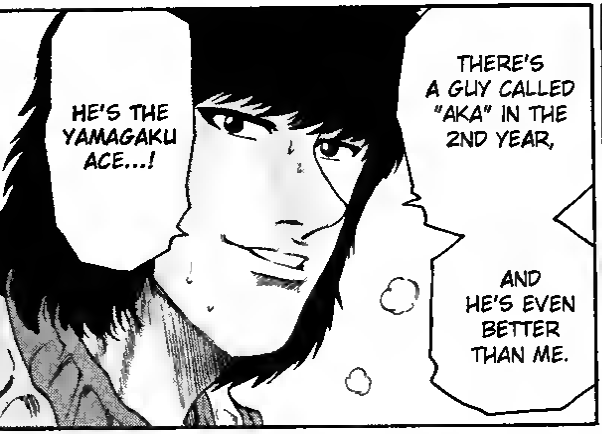
HE'S THE YAMAGAKU ACE...!
THERE'S A GUY CALLED "AKA" IN THE 2ND YEAR,
AND HE'S EVEN BETTER THAN ME.

SAORI!
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THIS GUY...

HM?
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THAT'S A RELIEF.
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IS THAT RIGHT .....?

I'D BE DISAP-POINTED.
WITH THAT SHOWING, IF YOU WERE THE ACE

YOU LIKE...
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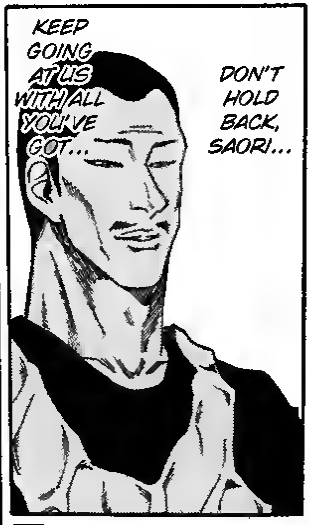
KEEP GOING AT US WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT...
DON'T HOLD BACK, SAORI...

UH, I DOUBT IT.
NEXT WEEK IT'S MY TIME TO SHINE, TOKI!
ALL RIIIIIGHT! I'VE PRETTY MUCH GOT THE RULES DOWN!!

1 RING (END)

SHIMABU'S STORY

(UNTIL I MADE RING (1))

I LIKE SPORTS, SO I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRAW A SPORTS MANGA. SO AT FIRST I THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO DRAW ONE ABOUT SOCCER, BUT THERE'VE BEEN SO MANY 'SOCCER MANGA' IN THE PAST THAT I FELT LIKE THE SUBJECT MATTER WOULDN'T FEEL FRESH AT ALL. SO I RELUCTANTLY GAVE UP ON THAT. I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT MAJOR SPORTS LIKE BASEBALL OR SOCCER ALREADY HAD TONS OF WORKS IN THE MANGA WORLD. THEN I STARTED LOOKING INTO SPORTS THAT WEREN'T AS MAJOR AS FOOTBALL OR SOCCER THAT I THOUGHT I COULD MAKE INTO AN INTERESTING MANGA, BUT HM~~~... MOST SPORTS WERE ALREADY BEING DONE AS MANGA. WHEN IT CAME TO SPORTS THAT DIDN'T HAVE A MANGA THEY WERE REALLY TOO MINOR. LIKE MINOR ENOUGH THAT I HADN'T HEARD OF THEM BEFORE, SO I GAVE UP. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WOULD MAKE A KENDO OR VOLLEYBALL MANGA LAST UNTIL THE END. BUT I REALLY WANTED TO DO A SPORTS MANGA... THE THING WAS I HADN'T DONE KENDO SINCE I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND I'D NEVER DONE VOLLEYBALL AS A SCHOOL SPORT AT ALL. SO BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE SO MUCH STUFF I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW~~~ I GAVE UP.

SO WHILE I WAS RACKING MY BRAIN ABOUT WHAT SORTA SPORTS MANGA TO DO, I SAW ON TV THAT THERE ARE LOTS OF SPORTS ON TV THAT ARE STILL TOTALLY UNKNOWN. AND AMONG THEM WERE SPORTS WITH REALLY SIMPLE RULES. AND EACH OF THOSE SPORTS HAD THEIR OWN CULTURE ESTABLISHED AROUND THEM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES... IT WAS PRETTY SHOCKING (LAUGH).

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SHIMABU'S STORY

(UNTIL I MADE RING (2))

WHEN YOU WERE A KID, YOU'D MAKE UP YOUR OWN RULES WHEN PLAYING WITH YOUR FRIENDS A LOT, RIGHT? LIKE WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING TAG, YOU'VE GOT THE "MOUNTAIN DEMON" VARIATION, STUFF LIKE THAT... (HEARD OF IT?). WHERE I WAS FROM, WE ALSO HAD A VERSION CALLED "CIRCLE DEMON". ANYONE WHO WAS STANDING ON TOP OF A MANHOLE COULDN'T BE TOUCHED BY THE PERSON THAT WAS IT... THAT SORTA THING (LAUGH). KIDS ARE GENIUSES AT COMING UP WITH GAMES WITH LIMITED SPACE AND TOOLS, AREN'T THEY? OKAY, GETTING BACK ON TOPIC, THERE REALLY WERE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY HAD SPORTS LIKE THAT. AND HONESTLY, THERE WERE A LOT OF 'ISN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO SIMPLE~?' SORTA ONES... THOSE WOULDN'T BE BECOMING OLYMPIC EVENTS... THE CONDITIONS FOR BECOMING OLYMPIC EVENTS WERE THAT IT HAD TO BE A SPORT PLAYED IN 75 OR MORE COUNTRIES ON 4 CONTINENTS. THINKING ABOUT IT THAT WAY, SUMOR OR KENDO, FAMOUS SPORTS IN JAPAN, WOULDN'T BE OLYMPIC EVENTS, THEN. I GUESS BECAUSE OTHER COUNTRIES DON'T HAVE A HIGH PLAYER POPULATION... THINKING ABOUT IT THAT WAY, I STARTED THINKING ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A POPULATION OF PLAYERS OF A SPORT TOTALLY DISAPPEARED... I GUESS THE SPORT ITSELF WOULD DISAPPEAR... SO THERE MUST BE LOTS OF SPORTS THAT EXISTED AROUND THE WORLD THAT'VE DISAPPEARED... FOR SOMEONE THAT LOVES SPORTS AS MUCH AS I DO, THAT'S SOMETHING I'D RATHER NOT THINK ABOUT...

SO, REGARDING MANGA, THERE ARE LOTS OF MANGA THAT DO THE MAJOR SPORTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF A SPORT IS TOO MINOR, THEN I WOULDN'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT SO I COULDN'T DRAW IT. ...BUT THEN THERE ARE LOTS OF SPORTS THAT ARE UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD. IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT I DECIDED TO MAKE UP AN ENTIRELY NEW SPORT. IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I THOUGHT I'D GIVE IT A GOOD HARD THINK FIRST...

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T/N: MOUNTAIN DEMON (TAKAOKI) IS A VARIATION OF TAG (ONI GOKKO) WHERE YOU CAN'T BE CAUGHT IF YOU'RE IN A HIGH PLACE.

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